

BEING WITNESSES

Shofar Table View

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Definition of a witness

- Observer/eye witness (person)
- One who has personal knowledge of something
- Testimony

God chose us to be witnesses

- ¹⁰ But I have witnesses, O Israel, says the Lord! You are my witnesses and my servants, chosen to know and to believe me and to understand that I alone am God. There is no other God; there never was and never will be.
(Isaiah 43)

Jesus said we shall be witnesses

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me^[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

(Acts 1 NKJV)

You are the light.....

- ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt 5 NIV)

You are the salt.....

- ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. (Matt 5 NIV)

You are.....

- ¹⁵ For **we are to God the fragrance of Christ** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:15 NKJV)
- ³ clearly **you are an epistle of Christ**, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God (2 Corinthians 3:3 NKJV)



God desires to show His kindness, promises, blessings and endless treasures to others

- **EPHESIANS 3**

- ³ God himself showed me this secret plan of his, that the Gentiles, too, are included in his **kindness**.
- ⁶ And this is the secret: that the Gentiles will have their full share with the Jews in all the riches inherited by God's sons; both are invited to belong to his Church, **and all of God's promises of mighty blessings** through Christ apply to them both when they accept the Good News about Christ and what he has done for them.
- ⁸ Just think! Though I did nothing to deserve it, and though I am the most useless Christian there is, yet I was the one chosen for this special joy of telling the Gentiles the Glad News of the **endless treasures available to them in Christ**;

1. BEING KIND

Accept people

Reach out /be a friend

Non judgemental/ not taking offense

Meet them where they are

Do things for them

Giving

Different crops are harvested differently

- ²⁷ A heavy sledge is never used to thresh black cumin; rather, it is beaten with a light stick.
A threshing wheel is never rolled on cumin; instead, it is beaten lightly with a flail.
- ²⁸ Grain for bread is easily crushed, so he doesn't keep on pounding it.
He threshes it under the wheels of a cart, but he doesn't pulverize it.
- ²⁹ The LORD of Heaven's Armies is a wonderful teacher, and he gives the farmer great wisdom.

(Isaiah 28: NLT)

2. TESTIMONY

Verbal expression of God's love in our lives

Five highlights of the Cederberg



1 Wolfberg Arch, a rewarding 12km (8 hour) return hike from Sanddrif



2 Maltese Cross, a relatively flat 8 km (5 hour) return hike from Dwaarsrivier

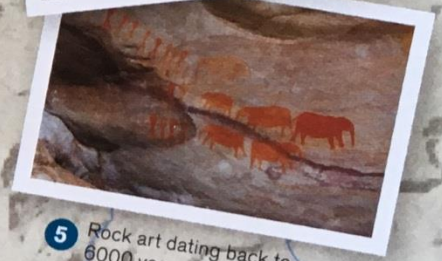


3 The many refreshing crystal clear pools at both Algeria and Kliphuis campsites



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The iconic and increasingly rare Clanwilliam cedar tree occurs only in the Cederberg mountains



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Rock art dating back to 6000 years at the Stadsaal



mate information

Winters in the Cederberg are cold and wet while summers are warm and dry. Most rain falls between July and September and it often comes in the form of heavy showers on the higher parts. In the lower parts, the temperatures drop













A photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape. A winding road or path snakes through the valleys and up the slopes of the mountains. The terrain is rocky and sparsely vegetated, with some green patches visible in the lower left. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene conveys a sense of vastness and endurance.

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.



We can only share love that we have experienced

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¹⁷ And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

3. DECLARING JESUS AS SAVIOUR, HEALER.....

But the apostles stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord. And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders.

Acts 14:3 (NLT)

4. EXPECTING GOD TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE....

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- ²⁰ Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. ²¹ May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ.