

THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE

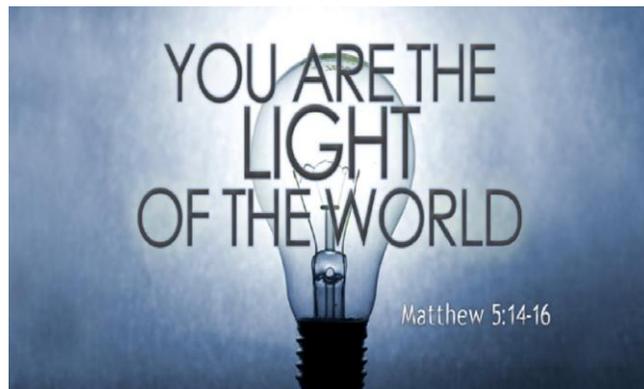
Studies in the Sermon on the Mount

Part Twelve

“The Light of the World”

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 9:5



"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

3 Implications:

1. World is in darkness. "Children of darkness and children of light"

- * Issue not intellect but sin nature
- * People estranged from God

19 "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

John 3:19-21 NASB

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 NIV

2. We receive and reflect light.

16 but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NLT

Beholding and becoming like Christ!

3. We shine: excellent behavior and observable good deeds.

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

1 Peter 2:12 NLT

Greek term for lighthouse beacon

- * Directs to safety
- * Warns of danger

* Provides hope

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:14-16

...for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

Ephesians 5:8 NASB

Be sure that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to do what is good for each other and for all people.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 NCV

For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.

Acts 13:47 NLT

Application: "How can I be light to my world?"

L o v e

I n s p i r e

G i v e

H e l p

T e s t i f y

1. Daily divine appointments

2. Our home
 3. Work/school
 4. Neighborhood
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TITLE SLIDE “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD REDISPLAYED

We have the opportunity to daily demonstrate an ongoing witness to the reality of Jesus Christ!

We serve as a bulwark against loose morals and loose talk by our character.

We are daily surrounded by people groping around in darkness, separated from God who loves them and wants to bring them into relationship with Him.

WILL YOU RESPOND TO THE TASK?