

Matthew 5:14-16

2000 Years Ago...

- In the spiritual and moral darkness of a lost world...
- Jesus breaks through on the stage of humanity
 - "...the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Matthew 4:16, NIV

Jesus, Light of the World...

Jesus spoke to the people saying, "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

Light, while I am in the world...

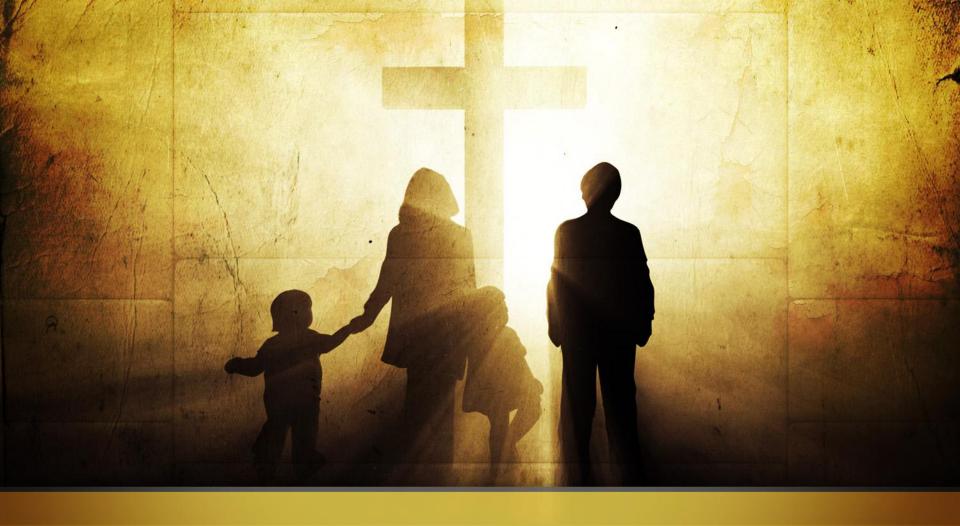
Jesus also said, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:5, NIV

Out of the Darkness Jesus called them to be light!

"You are the light of the world. A city 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. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16, NIV



Leaving the Darkness Living the Light

Living As Light





Jesus says SHINE!

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Today, Jesus is still calling Christians to be Light

- You are the light of the world.
- You (Ύμεῖς) are (ἐστε) the light of the world.
 - You (second person plural; "you all")
 - are (verb, present, indicative, active, second person, plural)
 - the light of the world.

Consider two things that shine as light

- A city 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.
- Just as a city on the hill can not be hidden
 - Palm Springs, CA at night looks light a brilliant jewel
- Lamp in the house
 - Don't put it under a bowl
 - Rather lift it up high on a stand

Wherever or whatever you are doing – SHINE!

- In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
- Let your light shine
 - Let your light shine before men
 - That they may see your good deeds
 - That they might praise your Father in heaven.

Letting Your Life Shine & Motive

- "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16, NIV)
- Some folks here may quote, "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them."
 (Matthew 6:1, NIV)

So shine for the Heavenly Father

- In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16, NIV)
- Just like a city on a hill
- Just like a lamp on a wall
- Just like Jesus...SHINE!

How do we shine?

- Certainly our shining is to be done in all our words and ways...
- But this shining of which Jesus speaks of here is a shining that is witnessed by others.
- In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16, NIV)

Shine so other see!

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27, NIV)

Shine so others see!

• "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

(Matthew 11:5, NIV)

Shine so other see!

 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:34-36, NIV)

Shining leads to Salvation for People & Glory to God

- When the church sees itself as shining it takes the light into the darkness
- It pushes back the darkness
 - The world sees our good deeds
 - Men & women come to the knowledge of Christ
 - And God is glorified!

It's A Dark World Out There Put Some SHINEInto It!

Shine The Light!