

“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

(Matthew 5:13 – 16)

INTRODUCTION - “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp-stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they see you good works and glorify your Father in heaven”

(1 John 1:5) “God is light” (John 8:12) “I am the light of the world”
(Psalm 119:105) “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path”

As Christians, we reflect the light of God, Christ, and the gospel: (2 Corinthians 4:5-7)

1. LIGHT SHINES NOT FOR ITS OWN SAKE

These auditorium lights do not shine for themselves, for their own benefit.
The same for us: (1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Corinthians 9:22-23; Matthew 5:15-16)

2. LIGHT DOES NOT CALL ATTENTION TO ITSELF

Light is to illuminate, reveal.
Our shining light is to draw attention to God: (v16)
The Pharisees did the opposite: (Matthew 6:1, v5)

3. SHINING LIGHT COSTS - check your SDG&E bill.

Being the “light of the world” will cost us time, talent, treasure, energy.

4. LIGHT SHINES OPENLY, WITHOUT PARTIALITY

These auditorium lights are shining without regard to the quality of the audience.
We sing: “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine ... “

5. LIGHT WILL BE SEEN

“cannot be hid ... it gives light to all”
Even the tiniest light is seen from a great distance.

6. LIGHT DRIVES AWAY DARKNESS

That’s the purpose of turning on lights, to dispel darkness.
When people know that you are a Christian, they “clean up” in your presence.