# 'THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" Matthew 5:14-16

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we will study "The Light of the World" (vv. 14-16). As Salt and Light, Christians are to be different from the world. We cannot influence or change the world if we are the same as the world.

• "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" (Matt 5:14).

Based on our text, we will survey four aspects of the light of Christ in Christians – The Light of the World.

- I. THE SOURCE OF THE LIGHT (v. 14a; John 8:12; 9:5; 1 John 1:5)
  - A. Jesus Christ is the Source of the Light
  - **B.** Christians are The Light of the World (14a)
- II. THE CHARACER OF THE LIGHT (v. 14a)
  - A. Light is Pure and Clear It is Clean, Good, Right and True (Eph 5:8-9)
  - B. Light Drives Away Darkness (John 3:19-20; John 12:46)
  - C. Light Warns –(Eph 5:11-14).
  - **D. Light Provides Safety** (Ps 119:105)
  - E. Light Illuminates

## III. THE DANGER OF BEING LIGHTLESS (vv. 14b-15a)

- A. Our Light for Christ is to be as a City on a Hill
- B. Our Light for Christ is to be as a Candle Placed on a Candlestick
- C. Our Light Must Radiate Give Light for Others to See (Matt 25:35-36; Eph 5:11; 1 Pet 3:9)

# **IV.** THE PURPOSE OF THE LIGHT (v. 16)

- A. Believers are to let their Light Shine in Order to Show Forth Good Works (Neh 6:1-4)
- B. Believers are to Let their Light Shine in Order to Stir Men to Glorify God which is in Heaven (John 17:4; 1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11).

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
- B. Jesus is the Light of the World. Christians are the Light of the World for Jesus (Eph 5:8).
- C. Allow Christ to live through you by relying on His power. Then let the light of your life tell others you belong to Him.
- D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).