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## *The Bride of Christ*

### LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

#### Matthew 5:14-16

##### What is the light? Matt. 5:14-16

- The light is Jesus Christ. John 1:4-5, 8:12, 9:5, 12:35-36, 46; 1 John 1:5
- The light of Christ in the world (believers). Matt. 5:14-16; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 Pet. 2:9

##### Why the world needs the light. Matt. 5:14-16

- The world is in darkness. John 8:12, 12:35-36; Rom. 3:23, 6:23; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Cor. 4:4
- The world experiences the effects of darkness.
  - What path should I take? Matt. 7:13-14
  - How will I build my life? Luke 12:13-21; 1 Tim. 6:10; Eccl. 2:1-11
  - Where will I find hope? John 3:1-15, 4:13-19; Luke 19:1-10; Mark 5:26-31

##### What is the solution to the darkness? Matt. 5:14-16

- The purpose of the light of Christ.
  - To dispel the darkness. John 8:12, 12:33-36, 46
  - To give guidance, direction and purpose. Ps. 119:105, 130
  - To reveal the truth. John 14:6
- The purpose of believers being the light. Matt. 5:14-16
  - To make Christ visible. Matt. 5:14-16; John 8:12; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:8
  - To demonstrate Christ's love and power. Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:10; Eph. 5:8-13
  - To glorify God as we are the light. Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 6:6