

## CHRISTIANS ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**TEXT: Matthew 5:14: *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.***

***Ephesians 5:8: For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.***

***1 Thessalonians 5:5: Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.***

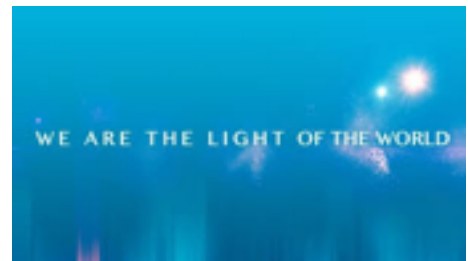
***Philippians 2:14-15:***

***14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:***

***15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;***

***Proverbs 4:18: The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.***

**INTRODUCTION:** We are what The Lord Jesus said we are: namely, the light of the world. This fact is repeated over and over again throughout the Holy Scriptures. I have given just five of such references up to this time. It is not how many times this fact is repeated that makes it true. Just once would do, since the source of this fact comes from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.



***1 Peter 2:9: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him [Christ] Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;***

***Ephesians 5:8: Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.***

This whole world outside of Christ, the Light of the World, is in darkness and walks in darkness and does not know where it is going. Unless it repents and gets right with God, it will be cast into outer darkness where there shall be

weeping and gnashing of teeth.

***Matthew 22:13: Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

Therefore, this old world really needs us to give them light. And our text, therefore, reveals to us our sacred honor and privilege of being the light to the world. The Lord Jesus Christ tells us what and who we are and what we are to do.

***Matthew 5:16: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.***

**QUESTION: Did you take notice that this light is not offered to a favored few?**

**ANSWER:** Christ does not have certain pets or class favorites. The poor and the rich are all included. The learned and the illiterate alike are included. There is no distinction of race or color. There is no racial prejudice in Christ's Kingdom.

**QUESTION: How do we come into such a high honored position to be the light of the world just as Jesus is the light of the world?**

**ANSWER:** We are what Jesus is because we have invited Christ into our hearts and are born again of the Spirit. Now, we become what He is, because He is shining His light through us. Praise His Holy name! When we are born again of the Spirit, we become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; according to **Romans 8:16-17**.

***Romans 8:16-17:***

***<sup>16</sup>The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:***

***<sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.***

Therefore, we are what God is.

***1 John 1:5: This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in him is no darkness at all.***

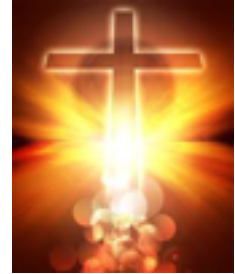
God Almighty makes us what He is. This is in accordance with **2 Peter 1:4**.

***2 Peter 1:4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious***

***promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust.***

Secondly: We are what Jesus is: the light of the world.

***John. 8:12: Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***



God and The Lord Jesus makes us what He is in accordance with ***Romans 8:29:***

***Romans 8:29: For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.***

Thus, we are what The Lord Jesus is, since we are conformed to His image. Now you can see why we are the light of the world.

It would be very valuable to us all to search the Scriptures and see what they have to say about God Almighty being described as Light. Then, we can better appreciate what He has made us to become.

Also, when we search the Scriptures and see what they have to say about Christ being the Light of the world, then we will enjoy our new elevation from what we were, to what we have now become because of Calvary.

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