

## Light - continued

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### Christians Illuminate

True and faithful New Testament Christians today illuminate mankind in different ways. They illuminate through the preaching of truth to others (2 Corinthians 4:4-6; 2 Timothy 1:10) and they illuminate through their own true character (Ephesians 5:8-9,13; Colossians 1:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:5).

### Christians Give Direction

In addition to giving illumination, Christians also give direction to mankind. They point the way to God (Matthew 5:14-16) and they set the right example for the world to live by (Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 2:12).

### You Are the Light of the World

A Christian needs to remember a few things about his or her light. First, your light must not be hid (Matthew 5:14-16; Luke 8:16-17). Second, your light must not become darkness (Matthew 6:22-23). Third, your light will protect you (Romans 13:12). And finally, your light in heaven will be God himself (Revelation 21:11,23-24; 22:5). Christian, go out now and let your light shine, shine, shine! - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- Some pray, not for wisdom, but that God will approve of their own wisdom.
- Your idea of how to live may not be the same as God's idea.
- When a local church quits struggling, it dies.
- Preach and practice the truth.
- If you are not living with God here, you will not be living with God there.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# You Are the Light of the World

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*Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shines unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

- Matthew 5:14-16 -

## Light in the Bible

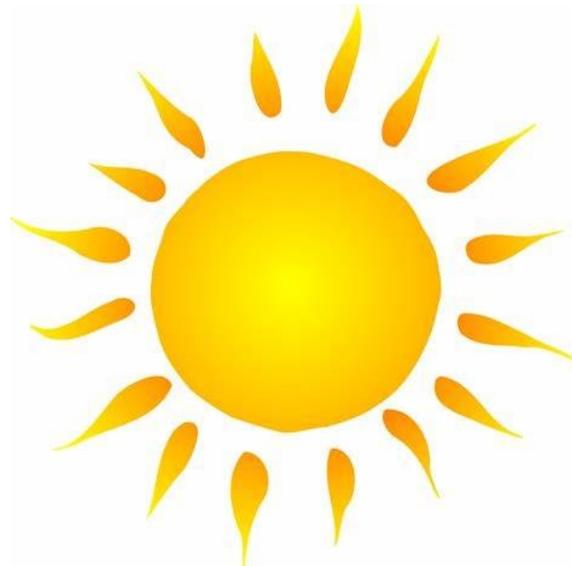
The first recorded words of God in the Bible are: “Let there be light...” (Genesis 1:3). Later, on the fourth day of creation, God made lights (sun, moon, stars) “to give light upon the earth” (1:15, 17). Light illumines and dispels darkness. Light also divides and gives guidance (Genesis 1:14-18).

In the Bible, physical light is mentioned (Genesis 1:14-18; Luke 15:8; 22:56; 23:45; Acts 26:13). This is the light that we see in some form or another each and every day. Mankind has seen this light since Adam and Eve were made and they will continue to see it until Jesus returns. This light is constant and cannot be hid by anyone.

In the Bible, spiritual light is also mentioned. Spiritual light is a figure for all that is good, righteous, and truthful

(Isaiah 49:6; Matthew 5:14-16; Acts 13:47; 2 Corinthians 4:4,6). It too is constant and cannot be hid by anyone.

We are told that God is light (James 1:17; 1 John 1:5). He is nothing but good, righteous, and truth. We are also told that



Jesus is light (Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 1:4-5,7-9; 5:35; 1 Timothy 6:16). The Holy Spirit is also light (Revelation 4:5). Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit, being deity themselves, have the same good, righteous, and truthful nature as God.

Christians are supposed to be light as well. This is Jesus’ point in the sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14-16. Christians are to be the light of the world. They are

to reflect the light of the Godhead to the world around them (Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:20; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 1:7). They don’t produce their own goodness, righteousness, and truth. But, they do reflect the goodness, righteousness, and truth that is revealed to them by the Godhead.

Just like physical light illuminates, so spiritual light illuminates (John 3:19-21; 8:12; 1 Corinthians 4:5). The light of truth in God’s word illuminates mankind and dispels the darkness of sin and error (falsehood). When Paul preached to others with the gospel after his conversion, he turned people “from darkness to light” (Acts 26:18-23).

Just like physical light gives direction, so spiritual light gives direction. It points people in the direction of truth and away from error and falsehood (John 11:9-10; 12:35,36,46). Jesus came to give people direction. He said, *Yet a little while is the light among you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walks in the darkness knows not whither he goes. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light ... I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness”* (John 12:35-36, 46).