

## Seasoning Your World

Matthew 5:14-16

### 1. What is Jesus saying?

- a. You are the **LIGHT** for the world.
- b. You are **THE** light for the world.
- c. **YOU** are the light for the world.
- d. You are the light **FOR THE WORLD**.

### 2. Why do you shine?

- a. Because you are a child of **THE** light.
- b. Because **THE** light is in you.

### 3. How do you shine?

- a. By declaring the gospel.
- b. By displaying the gospel.



**BE DIFFERENT**  
**LIVE DIFFERENT**

Matthew 5-7



# Light Your World

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***Light is purity of character.***



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*The light you were  
created to give off is  
the shining character  
of your Creator.*



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Matthew 5:13

**YOU** are the light for the world.

***YOU is emphatic.***



***YOU!***

***Not the religious elite,***

***Not someone else.***

***YOU!***



Matthew 5:13

**YOU** are the light for the world.

***YOU is plural.***



*You in community,  
You together.*



**1 Peter 2:9**

But **you** are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for God's own possession,  
**that you** may proclaim the excellencies  
of Him who has called you out  
of darkness into His marvelous light.



*God intends us to  
declare and display the  
excellencies of Christ  
together!*



# What is Jesus saying?

You are the LIGHT for the world.

YOU are the light for the world.

You are **THE** light for the world.



Matthew 5:13

You are **THE** light for the world.

*Jesus does not say,*

*“You are **A** light for the world.”*



*We are not just one  
of many lights;  
God designed us to be  
THE light for the world.*



## Ephesians 4:4-6

There is **one** body and **one** Spirit,  
just as also you were called in **one** hope  
of your calling; **one** Lord, **one** faith,  
**one** baptism, **one** God and Father of all  
who is over all and through all and in all.



*There is ONE message,  
and there is ONE body of  
Christ entrusted with it.*

*Who will proclaim it  
if **we** hide it?*



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**Acts 13:47**

For so the Lord has commanded us,  
“I have placed you as a light for the  
Gentiles, that you should bring salvation  
to the end of the earth.”



*Your life's purpose is to  
bring the light of  
salvation to the world.*



**Why do you shine?**



**Matthew 5:13**

**You are the light for the world.**

*Lights shine.*



**Why do you shine?**

Because you are a child  
of THE light.



**1 John 1:5**

And this is the message we have heard  
from Him and announce to you,  
that **God is light**, and in Him  
there is no darkness at all.

**John 1:12**

But as many as received Him, to them He  
gave the right to become **children of God**.



*Those born of the God  
who is light will naturally  
shine as children of light.*



**Ephesians 5:8-9**

...for you were formerly darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord;  
walk as **children of light** (for the fruit  
of the light consists in all goodness  
and righteousness and truth).



*You shine because  
you are born of the  
One who shines!*



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## Because **THE** light is in you.



**John 8:12**

Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world;** he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

**John 14:20**

In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, **and I in you.**



*If the Light of the  
world is in you,  
how can you not be  
the light of the world?*



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light to all who are in the house.

*Jesus' illustration implies  
declaration.*



**Isaiah 40:9**

Get yourself up on a high mountain,  
O Zion, bearer of good news,  
Lift up your voice mightily,  
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;  
Lift it up, do not fear.  
Say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"



*Do you speak of Jesus  
to the world around  
you and say to them,  
“Here is your God!”*



# How do you shine?

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## By displaying Jesus.



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*Your lit up life displays  
the beauty of One  
who lights you.*



**Matthew 5:14**

**You are the light of the world.**



*Is your life a beacon  
that points people to  
the beauty of Christ?*