

# “Turn on the Light”

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Matthew 5:13-16 (Jesus teaching - Sermon on the Mount)

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

## 1. THIS WORLD IS FULL OF DARKNESS

2 Tim 4:3-5

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

## 2. YOU ARE CHRIST'S LIGHT

First Jesus said...

John 9:5

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Then He said,

14 "You are the light of the world.

John 16:7-8

7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 14:16-17

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

2 Cor 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

## 3. LIGHT IS MEANT TO BE SHARED

14 "...A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

## 4. YOUR LIGHT BRINGS GOD GLORY

We live our life striving for holiness,  
Not to earn our salvation,  
But rather to bring God glory!

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## CONCLUSION

Jesus is calling His disciples (You and Me) to be SALT & LIGHT.

So, how's your light shining?

What's written on the side of your truck?