

April 14, 2024 – Shine

John 12:46 "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Salt: Preserving and flavoring

- You are the salt and for salt to be effective, it must come into contact with something.

Light: Requires an energy source.

- Simply having a light bulb, a light fixture and some wire, doesn't guarantee that the light will shine.
- Our light really shines when we care for people in Jesus' name and Jesus said the result would be that God would receive the glory.

How Jesus responded: Mark 6:34 "And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things."

How the disciples responded: Mark 6:36 "Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

John 1:5 "And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

Proverbs 4:19 "The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NLT) "If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God."

Pray for others persistently.

- Paul describes the lost as being spiritually blind and can't see the light. Pray that their eyes will be opened to the gospel.

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

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Follow Jesus Today: Lord Jesus, forgive me for my sins. I open the door of my heart and I choose to make you the Lord of my life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Amen! **(Romans 10:9-10)**

Tithes & Offerings: 2 Corinthians 9:10 "Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,"

My Prayer: As I give in today's offering, Father, You are the One who generously supplies my needs. I receive Your wisdom to steward Your blessings wisely, using them to bring glory to Your name and to further Your kingdom. May Your blessings overflow in our lives, enabling me to be a blessing to those around us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!