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The Gospel of Matthew #37

Sermon on the Mount: Salt & Light:

Engaging Our Community: 3

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Matthew 5:14-16

### I. YOU ARE: the Light of the world (indicative)

Remember implications: World post-enlightenment is in gross darkness. The simple disciples of Jesus are more light to the world than multiple degreed researchers and analysts.

Two pictures:

A. City on a hill: not \_\_\_\_\_. You can see \_\_\_\_\_

B. Lamp in home: not \_\_\_\_\_. You can see \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### II. SO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE (imperative)

So

A. The world sees it

B. It gives light in the darkness

### III. What is this light? YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

i.e. your living as a "Beatitude Christian" both individually and in community before the world in darkness

This means:

A. Loving, not \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ our city and county

Jer 29:7; Prov 11:11

B. Living out your \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

The Big Three:    Sex            –    Money            –    Power  
                         Purity            –    Generous        –    Serve

I Peter 2:11-12

C. Living your \_\_\_\_\_ as a servant of Jesus

Col 3:23-4

D. Observing community \_\_\_\_\_ in mercy

Matching their needs with our \_\_\_\_\_ in multiple ministries

Eg: Sandtown (Debbie, Lynnette)

Eg: *Meals on Wheels* ([www.mealsonwheelsmd.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org))

E. Being willing to get involved in \_\_\_\_\_ and bring a Christian voice

Eg: Long Reach High School drug task force

Eg: "See You at the Pole" Sept 27 ([www.syatp.com](http://www.syatp.com))

F. Boldly sharing \_\_\_\_\_ truth in the darkness

But you said our light was our good *works*, not *words*

Cannot separate our works and words. Cf. Jesus

So Phil 2:14-16a; cf. II Cor 4:4. Light

1. Exposes darkness

2. Reveals the causes of darkness

3. Points the way out of darkness

We are lights like the moon. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa 49:6; **Matt 4:16**;  
John 1:4; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; etc.)

We are to shine \_\_\_\_\_ where He has placed us  
(Eph 5:8-9; Phil 2:15)

How is He calling you to step out in faith in new ways to do that this fall?

We are to shine \_\_\_\_\_ as a Body

How is He calling CPC to step out in faith to do that in new ways this fall?

IV. The twofold purpose of our lights: THAT

A. They will see the light of the Gospel: their \_\_\_\_\_

B. They will praise your Father in heaven: His \_\_\_\_\_