



Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

A Christian has a relationship with the Light — namely Jesus Christ. Jesus takes up residence in the saved person and a radiance emits.

The Lord expounded on this truth in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5:14 (CSB) says, *"You are the light of the world."* Notice that Jesus said, "You are," not "You will become."

Because we have Christ in our lives, we are a witness of the Light to others. Therefore, we need to commit to sharing our faith more effectively.

Some facets of the Light:

The Light is needed in a dark world.

The world lives in darkness. God chose his people to be, as it says in Isaiah 49:6 (CSB), *"a light for the nations."* People

search for a light. Without it, life does not make sense to them. They become bored with the darkness, without any light. Think about how difficult it is to live in a house or drive a car at night without lights. It is infinitely worse to live a life without the light of Christ.

The Christian light is a borne light.

In John 8:12 (CSB), Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."* The Christian light comes from Christ. Christians may be compared to the moon as it has no light of itself. Its light comes from reflecting the sun. Likewise, the Christian has a borne light. A Christian gets his illumination from the Son; he gives the light!

The Christian light cannot be hidden.

In Matthew 5:14, 16 (CSB), Jesus said: *"A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* A Christian cannot escape observation. The world sees the Christian's light. Therefore, we are to share that light with others.

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The Christian light is costly.

Allowing a light to shine costs. Wherever there is light, there will be sacrifice. Energy is expensive. When a candle burns, it gives of itself. John the Baptist was a light for Christ, but even he said, “I must decrease,” John 3:30 (CSB). It cost him his life to shine for Jesus. Allowing Christ to shine through us will not only cost us our lives but also our time, talents and treasures.

Do you know people who are living in darkness? You have the Light. They need the Light. Would you resolve to share the Light of the world with them this week?



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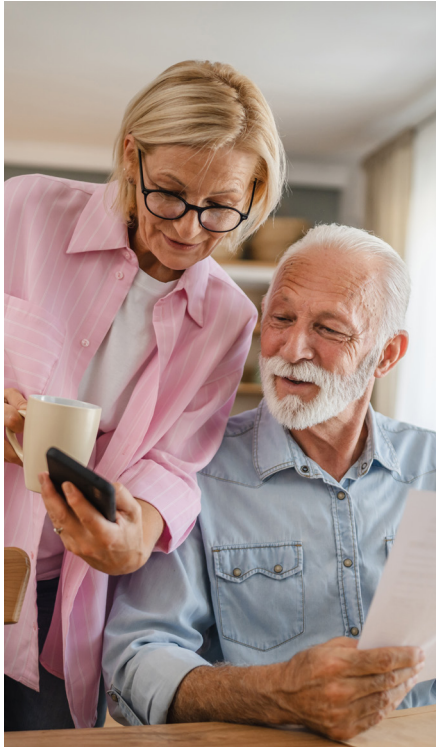
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