

TRULY FAITHFUL

AN UNCOMPROMISING CHURCH IN A CORRUPT AND CONFUSED CULTURE

PART 12

“THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”

“Our Duty in the Darkness”

(Titus 3:1-7; Matthew 5:13-16)

INTRODUCTION:

“You are the light of the world.”

—Matthew 5:14

THE THEME:

- What is the proper response to a pagan culture?

THE TRANSITION:

- Chapter 2 focused on how the church is to live in community.
- Chapter 3 focused on how the church is to live in culture.

1A. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO A LOST AND REBELLIOUS WORLD. (3:1-2)

“Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.”

2A. OUR RELATIONSHIP TO A LOST AND REBELLIOUS WORLD. (3:3)

“For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.”

- A Lost and Rebellious World...

1. ...is the World to Which Christ came: His Mission and Humility.
2. ...is the World in Which we live: Our Mission and Humility.

3A. OUR RESCUE FROM A LOST AND REBELLIOUS WORLD. (3:4-7)

“But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

OUR DUTY IN THE DARKNESS...

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

—Matthew 5:13-16

1A. TWO _____ :

1B. The World is in a state of _____.

2B. The World is in a state of _____.

2A. TWO _____ : (v. 13a, 14a)

1B. "You are the salt of the earth."

2B. "You are the light of the world."

3A. TWO _____ : (v. 13b, 14b, 15b)

1B. Don't become _____.

"...but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."

2B. Dont live _____.

"...not does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket..."

4A. TWO _____ : (v. 16)

"Let your light shine before men in such a way..."

1B. To _____ the world with a clear and compelling witness.

"...that they may see your good works,..."

2B. To _____ the world to the Father.

"...and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

CONCLUSION: