



**Light of the World – Part 3 – You Are The Light of the World
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In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
– John 1:4-5

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.

Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. – Matthew 5:14-16

HOW CAN WE BE LIGHT TO THE WORLD?

1) By being GODLY.

Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” ¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”
– John 8:10-11

Therefore, be imitators of God as dearly loved children... ⁸ for you were at one time darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light – ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth – ¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. – Ephesians 5:1, 8-10

2) By being GRACIOUS.

It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. ¹³ God will judge those on the outside... - 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

3) By being GENEROUS.

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.
– Acts 2:44-45

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²² ...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. – 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22

4) By being a BRINGER.

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. – Matthew 9:10