

# PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

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Making a Difference for His Kingdom

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-5

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

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<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

## PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

## QUESTION 1

What is heaven's population going to look like?

## MATTHEW 24:14

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

## QUESTION 2

Will heaven be less crowded than hell?

# THOUGHT

Throughout history scientists believe that two-thirds of everyone conceived in the womb has not survived to see their 5th year of life.

- Don Richardson



# THOUGHT

Heaven might be a lot more populated than  
we think.

# QUOTE

That hell would be robbed and Heaven would  
be populated.

- Unknown

## MATTHEW 5:13-16

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<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

# SALARIIUM

During Roman times "salt money" or salary allotted to buy or obtain salt.

# SAYINGS

- A man is not worth his salt
- Salt of the earth

# WHAT DOES SALT DO?

1. Salt preserves
2. Salt cures
3. Salt flavors
4. Salt creates thirst

# QUOTE

The degree to which we as Christians are going to be effective as witnesses in this world is the degree to which we allow ourselves to be Christ-like.

- J.B.



# WHAT DOES LIGHT DO?

1- Light removes darkness

❖ *Quote*- Just as darkness is the absence of light, evil is the absence of God. – unk

2- Light warns

3- Light reveals

4- Light initiates

# QUOTE

Darkness is not the opposite of light it is the  
absence of light.

- MW

# QUOTE

The brighter we shine for Christ the more  
impact we will have on people.

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## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

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<sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

# EFFECTIVE CHRISTIANS:

- Walk close to God
- Strive to please God
- Refuse to walk in compromise



## HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

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For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.