

## **WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN #3** ***WE ARE LIGHT***

Matt. 5 <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city 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 men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

### **I. The lamp must be ignited.**

#### **A. Relationship with Jesus will light up your life.**

1. **Moses'** face literally glowed like a light.
2. **Jesus** was transfigured with glorious light.
3. **At salvation we burn for Christ.**

Those on the Emmaus road said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Luke 24 32

#### **B. A lamp that has been lit will give light according to the oil supply that feeds it.**

The Holy Spirit has been given in his fullness.  
An intimate relationship with Jesus will keep us in fresh oil.

### **II. The lamp must be placed where the light can be seen.**

#### **A. We must be light in the **world**.**

Job 12 25 They grope in the dark without light...  
“you are the light of the world”

#### **B. We must be the light in our **city****

A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

III. Fly at night you will see city lights. You know the whether it is a small city or a large metropolitan area just by the amount of light.

Our goal is to increase the light!

If there is no light it is like Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah. It was not spared when Abraham interceded with God. He went from 50 righteous to 10 and when they could not be found the city was judged!

#### **C. We must the light **in our house!****

If we don't reflect the light of Jesus at home who will?

**1Co. 7** <sup>10</sup> To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. <sup>11</sup> But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

<sup>12</sup> To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him.

<sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

### **When the believer walks out of the home the light goes out!**

When the light of the believers is in the home there is light for all who are in the house!

### Ill. The Philippian jailer brings light to his house.

Acts 16 <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

<sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

We can hear, “If Daddy don’t want Jesus, I don’t need him!”

Or we can hear, “If Daddy wants Jesus, I want him”

Isn’t that what **Joshua** was saying, “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”.

### **III. The light we have received is intended to reveal.**

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

#### A. Light is to reveal our **good deeds**

Honesty, integrity, faith in God, unconditional love, no prejudice, giving spirit, when we pray and God answers, etc.

#### B. When men see our deeds they **praise our Father** in heaven.

Now they are seeing past us and seeing Him!