

➤ **Intro:**

- as Christ's disciples, we are lights to the world
- **How are we spiritual lights? What do we do as spiritual lights? What do we have to watch out for?**

➤ **HOW are you a spiritual light? – light: when do the right thing, the right way**

- **Ps. 119:105** use God's word as guide - obey
- - **1 Jn. 1:5-7** obey gospel, fellowship with God, blood of Christ cleanses
- - **Phil. 2:14-16** Christians: blameless, innocent children of God, hold fast word – heaven
- - **2 Cor. 6:14-16** not bound together with unbelievers, not act like world, not touch what is unclean

➤ **WHAT do you do as a spiritual light of God?**

- **Matt. 5:14-16** sermon on the Mount
 - **like a city on a hill:** show the way to spiritual safety, God – **illus.: city of God (Rev. 21-22)**
 - **place where** is rest and protection
 - **place where** can live in peace
- - **Matt. 11:28** “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and **I will give you rest.**”
- **like a lamp on a lampstand:**
 - **not hide** light, let it shine, in the right way – **neighborhood, school, work, friends and enemies**
- - **Lk. 8:16** “Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light.”
 - **light dispels darkness** – where there is light, darkness does not exist - it can't be light and dark at the same time
 - **Acts 16:29** the Philippian jailer was about to kill himself, but Paul told him not to do that since they were all still in jail, so the jailer called for lights **so he could see**
- - **Eph. 5:8-12** now Light in the world, fruit, learn, not participate, expose, disgraceful
 - **result:** men glorify God – **shine light right way, every place**
- **illus.: review songs – our job as Christians - lights**
 - Song, #453, “**You Are The Light Of The World**” – vs. 1, 2, 3
 - Song, #237, “**Let The Lower Lights Be Burning**” – vs. 1, 3

➤ **BE ALERT: What do you watch out for?**

- **Jn. 3:20** darkness hates light – **peer pressure to dim or hide or blow out our light**
 - **illus.: Song, “This Little Light Of Mine**” don't hide under bushel, don't let Satan blow it out
- - **Satan wants to extinguish (blow out) your light, intimidate you to hide it or put it out**
 - **1 Pet. 5:8** devil, prowling (sneaking so not know it), trying to sneak up and blow at light, roaring (scare)
- - **2 Cor. 11:14-15** Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, servants as servants of righteousness
- - **2 Cor. 4:4** Satan blinds the minds of the unbelieving so they can't see the light of the gospel
 - **illus.: a totally blind person can't see light – dark and light are the same**

➤ **ARMOR: Light is your armor against Satan! – protects you**

- **Rom. 13:12** light serves as armor – **cf. Eph. 6:10-18**
 - **Rom. 13:13-14** **what not to do / what to do – put on Christ by obeying - like glove, protect**
- - **Ja. 4:7** if we submit to God and resist the devil, Satan will flee - because God is Light and the devil hates light (Jn. 3:20)

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- you are the light of the world by obeying God, living as He teaches in His word
 - like: a city on a hill, a lamp on a lampstand
 - result: men glorify God
- be alert: Satan, peer pressure, the temptation to dim or hide or extinguish your light
- light is your armor: Satan hates light, will flee from you if you submit to God and resist him
- **inv.:** if you are walking in darkness, you can enter the light