

Review / Introduction:

I. The Meaning, Significance and Necessity of Light in the World...

A. Light Describes God Himself...

1. His infinite wisdom, holiness and righteousness... *I John 1:5; James 1:17; Psalm 104:2; I Timothy 6:16*
2. His gracious salvation... *Psalm 27:1*
3. His glorious presence... *Isaiah 2:5*

B. Jesus Christ is the Light...

1. Foretold by prophets... *Isaiah 9:2; Malachi 4:2*
2. Fulfilled in His coming... *Luke 1:78-79; John 1:4-5, 9*
3. Jesus' own claims... *John 8:12; 9:5*
4. He is the only light... *John 12:46 cf. Acts 4:12*

C. The Word of God is Light...

Psalm 36:9; Proverbs 6:23; Psalm 119:130

D. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light...

Psalm 18:28

E. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is called Light...

II Corinthians 4:4-6

Lesson: The world is in great darkness and man always by nature prefers the darkness... *John 3:19*

Application:

II. Jesus' Disciples are the Light of the World...

- A. He calls us to be the light... i.e. *Ephesians 5:8a*
- B. We ought to reflect light... *Ephesians 5:8b-10*
- C. There is greater need...
 1. The darkness is exceeding great...
 2. Yet we are light...
 3. Like a city set on a hill...

- Application:
1. Preachers of the Gospel are light...
 2. All Christians are light...
 3. To be light requires a gracious work of God...

III. How Foolish and Ill-advised not to be light...

- A. Jesus main point is clear—"Light is meant to be seen..."
- B. Light is a positive force... "It must go beyond Sunday and these four walls..."

Application:

- C. We Shine By Lifting Up Jesus Christ...

Application:

1. Living for Christ isn't easy, nevertheless... *I Thessalonians 1:6-8*
2. We must ask ourselves, "Am I a shining light for Christ?"

D. Several Reasons Our Light fails to Shine...

1. Fear
2. Indifference...
3. Reticence...
4. Contradiction...

Application: