You Are The Light of the World!

➤ 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 our 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 exit - 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