



*GLORIFYING GOD
IN OUR EVERYDAY
LIVES*



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Bible Fellowship
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Three Letters...



*that Can Change
the World*

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

In Matthew 4:23-5:16

- o After going throughout Galilee teaching, healing, and ministering to those who were hurting, Jesus sits down and gives the Sermon on the Mount.**



He sat down...

- o...to teach them about the distinctiveness of kingdom character. He wanted them to know what kingdom people were like.**



The Central Message...
o...of the Sermon
on the Mount:
Kingdom people
are *different.* ●

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- o 5:3: The kingdom belongs to the spiritually bankrupt
- o 5:5:10 The kingdom belongs to the persecuted
- o 5:3-10: This is what kingdom people are like



He also wanted...

**o...the crowd to
know that in the
process of being
different, opposition
would occur.**



In the face of...

o...persecution, you must praise God for the privilege of suffering, and whatever you do, you must not retaliate.



The Reason...

**o...people are
watching you to see
if what you profess
to be is for real.**



Jesus addresses this ...

**o...very issue in
Matthew 5:13-16.**

**Since people are
watching you, you
need to remember
three things...**



SALT &

MATTHEW 5:13-16

LIGHT

we are the
earth; stay salty





**...are the salt
of the earth**

The Message

- o You are not like them.



The purpose of salt...

o...is twofold:

oSalt flavors

oSalt preserves



The World...

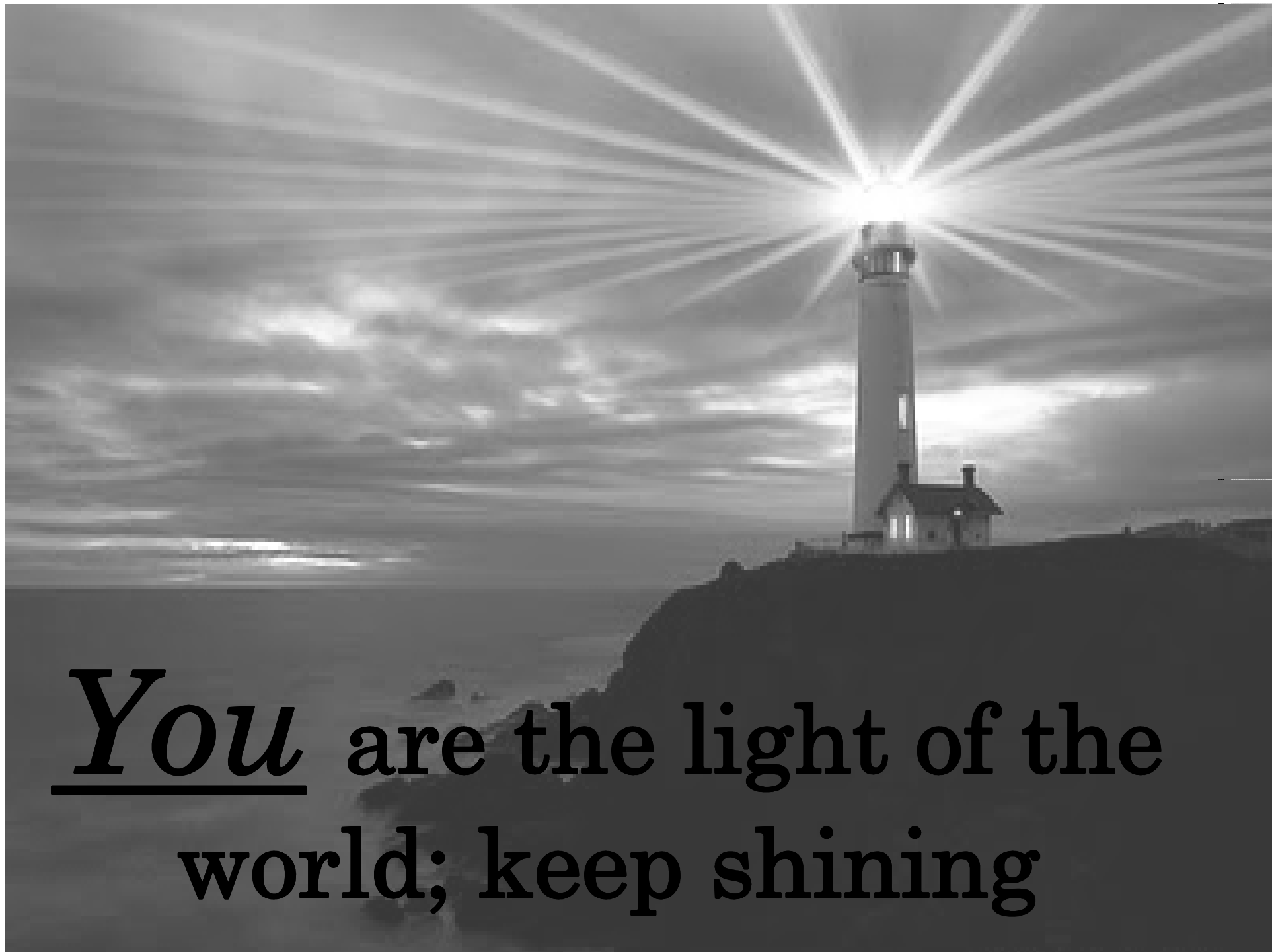
**o...is a better place
when the people of
God are salt to a
“tasteless” and
decaying world**



Stay Salty...

- o...Wholesome
speech**
- oWholesome attire**
- oWholesome
entertainment**





You are the light of the
world; keep shining



**...are the light
of the earth**

The Message

- o You are not like them.



The World...

o...is a very dark place. When people don't know Christ, they tend to love the darkness more than we love the light.



You Tube

**You are not the star of
the show; God is.**



**...are not the
star; God is!**

The Message

- o You are not like them.



ILLUSTRATION #1

o A city on a hill cannot be hidden. We should be able to say to others...follow me as I follow Christ.



ILLUSTRATION #2

- You don't light a lamp and then hide it under a basket. We are not here to blend in...we are here to stick out.



THE MESSAGE

○ ***His Life***...not yours

○ ***His Light***...not yours

○ ***His Glory***...not yours



Three Letters...



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the World***

YOU

CAN CHANGE

THE WORLD



*...for the glory
of God*

WHAT'S
STOPPING
YOU