

WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

- Walking in the Light.

For You light my lamp; the LORD my God illumines my darkness. **Psalm 18:28 NASB**

- The Lord will illuminate your darkness...the darkness you are walking in and even those around you.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? **Psalm 27:1 NASB**

- The Lord births a fear-killing light in us and defends our life.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light. **Psalm 36:9 NASB**

- He is our fountain of Life and in His light we see light. (Obedience brings revelation)

O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places. **Psalm 43:3 NASB**

- He gives us the light and truth that leads us into His presence.

Light is sown *like seed* for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. **Psalm 97:11 NASB**

- Light is sown like seeds for us, and it springs up just when we need it and grows so we can use it.

Light arises in the darkness for the upright; He *is* gracious and compassionate and righteous. **Psalm 112:4 NASB**

- Light arises even in the darkness for the upright.

The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **Psalm 119:130 NASB**

- The unfolding of God's Word gives us light in our spirit, in our mind, even in our eyes.

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. **Proverbs 4:18 NASB**

- His light springs up in us and for us, and it just keeps getting brighter.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be partakers with them; <sup>8</sup>for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness

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and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup>trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; <sup>12</sup>for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup>But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup>For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." **Ephesians 5:7-14 NASB**

- We were born into darkness, but we have been born again in light and we are trying to walk in light and learn what pleases Him.

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**I Peter 2:9 NASB**

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**A CITY ON A HILL**

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup>nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16 NASB**

- We are the Light of the world. (Individually and corporately)
  - We are the Light of the world in the world.
  - We are the Light of the world – a light house...a house of light.
- We are a Lamp in the darkness:
  - God's presence in us and among us is to be a lamp on a lampstand.
  - The Church in a particular geographic location is a lamp on a lampstand. (**Rev. 1:20**)
  - God has placed this lamp called Harmony on a visible lampstand.
- Building and being a city on a hill is all about the glory of God. (**Matthew 5:16**)
  - We need to be where the Light of our good works can shine upon people.
  - We need to live our lives individually and corporately in "such a way" that our good works are seen as "God-glorifying". Acts of love that bless people.