

WHAT IF WE CAS THE BODY OF CHRIST? REALLY TOOK JESUS TEACHINGS IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIOUSLY?

OUR SALVATION IS ALL ABOUT ACCESS TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR SAVIOR, WHICH HAS CHANGED US FROM THE INSIDE OUT

THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS TRANSFORMS US AND WE CANNOT JUST REMAIN THE SAME, WE ARE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE

MATTHEW 5:14-16

BETHELLANT.

MATTHEW 5:14A

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" IMPLIES THE WORLD IS NATURALLY DARK IT'S AGAINST THIS DARK BACKDROP WHICH BELIEVERS OF JESUS CHRIST STAND OUT AS RADICALLY DIFFERENT

2 ILLUSTRATIONS USING 2 DIFFERENT GREEK WORDS FOR "LIGHT"

1- LIGHT ON A HILL

MATTHEW 5:14

"LIGHT" = IT SPEAKS OF THE BRIGHTNESS OR THE EMANATING IMPACT OF THE LIGHT WHICH IS SHINING (FOCUSES ON THE AFFECTS) FROM LIGHT?

EACH OF OUR LIVES SHOULD BE BRIGHTLY SHINING BUT TOGETHER THOSE LIVES ARE AN UNMISTAKABLE WITNESS TO THOSE AROUND US.

2-LIGHT IN A HOME

MATTHEW 5:15

"LIGHT" = IT SPEAKS \bigcirc FA CONTINUAL BURNING (THIS LIGHT HAS ALREADY BEEN LIT- IT JUST KEEPS SHINING?

THE VERY FUNCTION OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS IS TO GIVE LIGHT (GIVING LIGHT IS NOT AN OPTION?

THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING. IN OUR LIVES WHICH BLOCK THE LIGHT (WE POSSESS) FROM SHINING COUR LIVES SHOULD RADIATE HOPE?

MATTHEW 5:16 WHEN PEOPLE OBSERVE OUR GOOD WORKS IT IS NOT THE BELIEVER WHO IS MAGNIFIED BUT OUR SAVIOR - WORKING IN AND THROUGH US

