

HOW STANDS THE CITY? - MATTHEW 5:1-16

¹⁴ "You are light for the world. A city cannot be hidden when it is located on a hill. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand. Then its light shines on everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (GW)

¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. **1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)**

1. CHRISTIANS ARE "SALT" OF THE EARTH

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. **Matthew 5:13 (NIV)**

- Salt is used for seasoning – to make things better.
- Salt was used to preserve – to have an influence.

2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE "LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **Matthew 5:14 (NIV)**

- **Light Illuminates:**

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. **John 1:4-5 (NIV)**

- **Light Guides:**

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. **Psalms 119:105 (TEV)**

¹⁶ The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. ¹⁷ It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (TLB)**

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12 (NIV)**

3. CHRISTIANS ARE TO BE LIKE A "CITY ON A HILL THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN."

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)**

⁸ No, the LORD has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. **Micah 6:8 (TEV)**

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:9-12 (NIV)

- If we truly want America to be great again, American Christians must be willing to shine our Light: reflect Christlikeness.