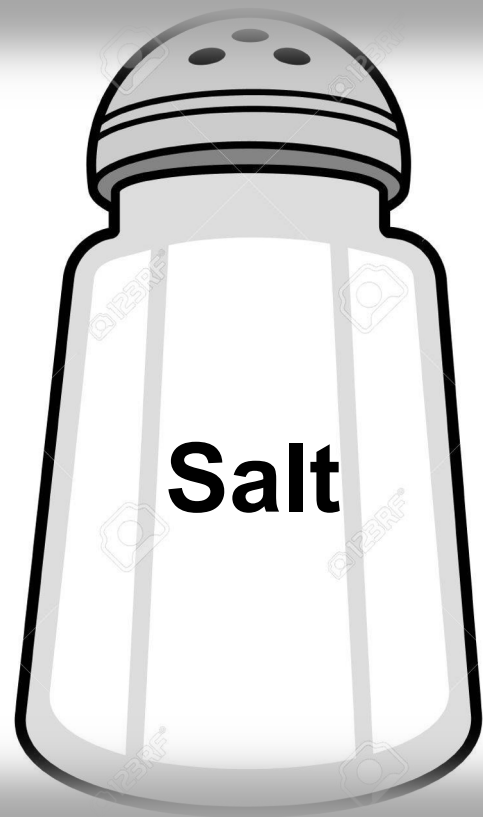




Shine that light!







The darkness has descended. It is enveloping our beloved nation like a thick, oppressive shroud. The ignorance of God, His Word, His principles, His Gospel, His love, and His truth is stunning. Grievous. Surely Heaven must weep for these people that God loves and for whom Jesus died who are so deceived. If you also are standing on the truth of God's Word, I expect you are caught up in a similar battle – with family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and maybe even other church members. Jesus gives the basic reason for the battle. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed (John 3:20).

Join me as we recommit to battle for the truth . . . To turn on the Light . . . From our knees. Let's pray together . . . and for each other.

Anne Graham Lotz, September 18, 2021



Light is Personal

II Corinthians 4:6 – For God, who said, ‘Let **light shine** out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the **light of the knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:15 – [T]hat you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world**.

I Thessalonians 5:5 – You are all **children of the light and children of the day**. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

Startling Statistics

among Born-Again Christians

Basic Biblical Worldview – a drop from 47% in 2010 to 25% in 2020

Expanded Biblical Worldview – a drop from 32% in 2010 to 16% in 2020



Light is powerful

EARTH AND MOON

— to scale —

Speed of light in real-time
Surface-to-surface in 1.255 seconds



EARTH



MOON

Average distance
384,400 KM

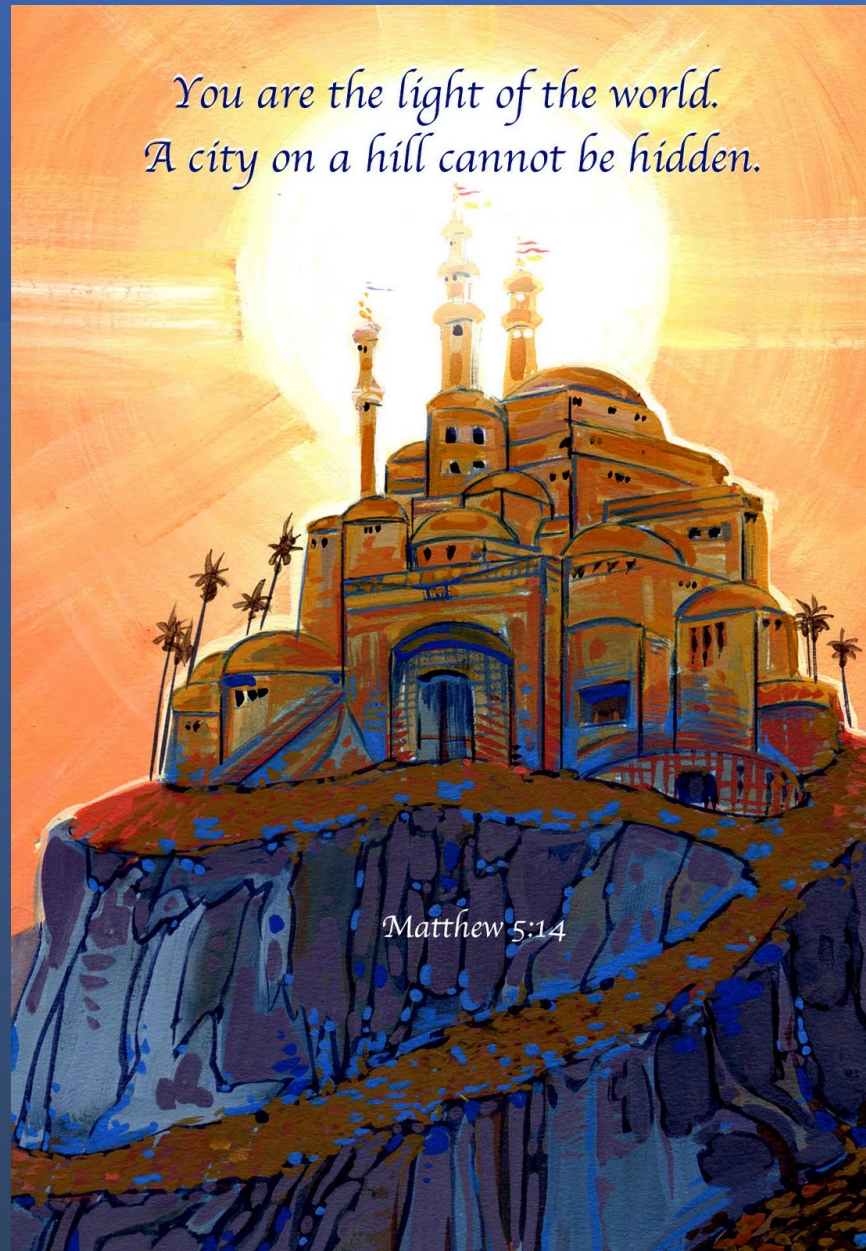
John 1:4 – 5 “In Him was life, and that **life was light** of all mankind. The **light shines in the darkness** and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Acts 26: 18 “. . . to open their eyes, so that they many **turn from darkness to light** and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins”



Light must be
projected.

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



Matthew 5:14

Neither do men
light a candle and
put it under a
bushel.



(But they) put it
on a candlestick
(or lampstand)
and it gives light
to the whole
house.





Light has purpose

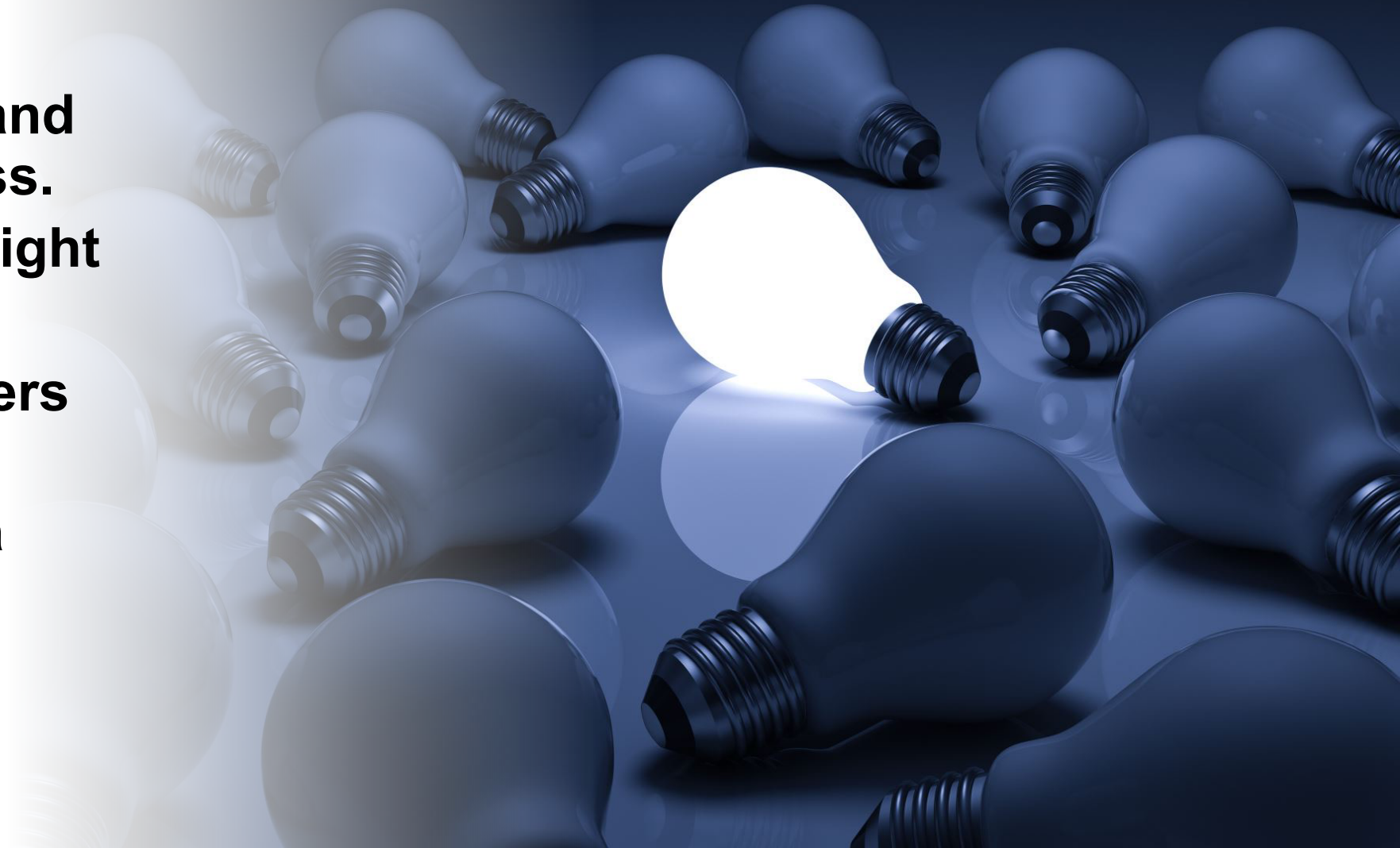
Romans 1: 21 - 22


²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Light has purpose.

- 1. Light exposes and reveals darkness.**
- 2. Light gives off light and illumines.**
- 3. Light helps others grow.**
- 4. Light serves as a guide.**





A Final Purpose:

5. Our light should glorify God.



Westminster Catechism – 1647:

Question: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

You and God make a majority in
any community.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.





Shine that light!!