

## Light in the Darkness

### **Matthew 5:14-16**

Intro: How would you like to wear a candle on your head?

I. Two apparent contradictions

a. Who is the light?

i. Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

ii. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

b. To be seen, or not to be seen?

i. Jesus says, "...that they may see your good deeds..." (Matthew 5:16)

ii. Jesus says, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them." (Matthew 6:1)

II. A case study: John the Baptist

a. Called: Luke 1:76-79

b. Good works: John 1:6-8, 29-34; 5:35

III. Our case

a. Called: Matthew 5:16; Romans 8:28

b. Good works: ἔργα; Philippians 2:13 ἐνεργέω

Conclusion: Let your light shine by living to glorify God and to point others to Jesus Christ. (John 1:4-5)