

Selected An Epiphany: Where's my Light-Life?

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John 8:12 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."

Matthew 5:14-16¹⁴ "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.

(1) How can both of these proclamations by Jesus be true? (Ask another way, what might Matthew mean in regard to what John says, or visa versa?)

2 For each of the "Life"-style areas below, consider if this is a troublesome area of life for you? What are the major pratfalls or warning sign of trouble?

3 Practically, and specifically, how are the following areas affected by the first two verses?

(1) <u>Sight Life</u>, Living by what is right in front of me at the moment (short-sighted) — or — living by sight, not by faith

- (2) <u>Fight Life</u>, an adversarial and contrary everything
- ③ Might Life, a need for power and control above all else
- ④ Fright Life what am I am missing out on now. Who am I harming now?

4→ <u>So, where's your Light-Life?</u>

5 Would others agree? Do others know? (see Matthew 5:14-16)