

# The Light of the World

Many years ago, I was given a tour of an underground mine in Sudbury. When we reached the lowest level, the guide turned off the lights. The darkness was total ... I couldn't see my hand in front of my face. In that complete blackness, even a tiny ray of light would have been welcome, and would have made a big difference.

Jesus taught us that we are to be "*the light of the world*". He told us, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" (Matt. 5:14-16)

What does that mean?

It means that if you are a good example, trying to honour God in everything you do, other people will see that you love God and they too may try to honour Him.

When we keep the commandments and always choose to do what is right, we are letting our light shine.

When we are honest, when we are kind, when we obey God in all things, we are letting our light shine.

When we love others as God loves us, we are letting our light shine.

When we share what we know about the gospel with others, we are letting our light shine.

By letting our light shine, we can be good examples. We can share our testimony with others. We can invite our friends to worship with us.

From personal experience, I can tell you that seeing the example of someone who loves God more than anything else, who lets God guide her in everything she does, can turn even the hardest heart toward Him.