

# How to light a Fire

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Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-16

## Jesus tells His disciples to be like Him

Jesus' Ministry:

Caring for people by:

Meeting their physical needs

Standing with them to overcome crisis

Sharing truth

Living by a different standard -

## Jesus speaks in global terms (We have a ministry to all mankind)

He says we are the light of THE WORLD

We have what all people need

## Jesus warns that failure has personal results

If we fail we are cast out...

If we fail the world fails

## Jesus wants us to be seen – and His mission to be rejoiced over

We are the world's only vision of Him

Jesus get the glory for all our goodness

## Tutorials:

### Send them to:

Web site

Blogs

### Give them:

Visitor packs

Business Cards

News Letter

### Bible passages:

**God's Word** is the perfect communications tool. When sharing your faith, it can really help to know a few Scripture passages. Just as babies learn to walk and talk by following the examples of those around them, you can be a great example -- and a great encouragement to others — if you know your Bible.

Here are a few of the best verses for dealing with commonly asked questions. We've used many from the Gospel of John to make it easy for you, but a few from other parts of the Bible are also shown for greater clarity of some issues.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of verses. There are many other excellent passages you can use. Think of these as handy starting points for sharing.

## What Kind of God Do You Serve?

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

## Jesus as God, eternal

**John 1:1** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

## Certainty of our salvation

**John 3:36** "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

**John 5:24** "I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

**John 6:47** "I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life."

**John 8:32** "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

**John 11:25-26** "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**Acts 2:38-39** "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Acts 4:12** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**Romans 5:1-3** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Galatians 2:16** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**James 1:21-22** Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, de

## **No other way to God except through Jesus**

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

## **Evidence of the resurrection**

**Luke 24:22-23** "Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive."

**Luke 24:36-43** "While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence." NIV

**John 20:27-29** "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!' 'My Lord and my God!' Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway.'"

## **Why I Go to Church**

Psalm 84:2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 10:24-26 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. The Just Live by Faith