



BEING DIFFERENCE MAKERS FOR CHRIST

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I. WE HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN **TROUBLE**.

- A. *Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this **dark world** and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*
- B. *Ephesians 4:17-18 "With the Lord's authority let me say this: Live no longer as the ungodly do, for they are hopelessly confused. <sup>18</sup> Their closed minds are full of **darkness**; they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds and hardened their hearts against him."*
- C. *Romans 1:18-22 "But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. <sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. <sup>21</sup> Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools." (NLT)*
- D. *John 12:46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."*
- E. *Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world."*

- F. *Acts 26:18 "And Paul said, 'God has called me to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins.'"*

## II. WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- A. A person who dies without Christ spends eternity in **hell**.

*John 3:18 "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."*

*Revelation 20:15 "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

- B. *John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands **condemned** already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." NIV*

- C. The Bible's description of hell.

1. Hell is an **unending** death.

*Revelation 14:11 "The smoke of their torment rises forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those..."*

2. Hell is a place of .

*Revelation 14:10 "he, (the lost) will drink of ... God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb."*

## III. WHAT CAN WE DO?

- A. *Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so **shine** before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*



