

# Can the Church light the whole world?

Is the faulty Christian Church really God's light to the whole world?

**First**, think about God's other provision for a darkened world, namely, moonlight. As a light source, the moon is less than perfect. It is pitted with craters and made up of dark grey rocks and dust. Its reflected light is therefore blemished – it reflects only ten per cent of its light.

So would we be better off without it? Of course not. And the same is true of the Church.

**Second**, God made the moon small, yet *it lights the whole world!* The Church, too, may seem insignificant, but God has made it “the light of the world.” Matthew 5.14.

**Third**, the moon's light is not its own but is derived from the sun. Similarly, the Church's light is not its own. It is derived from God himself, and can never be extinguished. Matthew 16.18.

**Fourth**, moonlight is by divine decree. Genesis 1.14-16. And so it is with the Church. God the Son decreed, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, who is in heaven.” Matthew 5.6.

How rewarding that we can be God's light to a darkened world.

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**Of all Jesus' commands in his Sermon on the Mount, the very first is “*Let your light shine.*” Matthew 5.16.**

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