**CROSS WORDS**

**An on-line Bible study**

**Lesson 15**

*This week we will look to God’s Word for our fifthteenth Cross Word. When you learn the Cross Word, please fill in the shaded boxes with each letter of the word. Each week we’ll add another word.*

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Readings, unless noted, taken from:

[*Holy Bible: Evangelical Heritage Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/hbehv?ref=BibleEHV.1Jn4.10&off=3&ctx=ive+through+him.+10%EF%BB%BF~This+is+love%3a+not+th). (2019). Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Publishing House.

**Matthew 5:14-16**

**14“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither 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. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**2 Corinthians 4:4-7**

**4The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. 7But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.**

**Philippians 2:14-16**

**14Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16as you hold firmly to the word of life.**

**1. Textual Thoughts**

* Take a look at the following passages where God’s people, the believers, are called “light.”

**-Psalm 89:15 –**

**-Isaiah 2:5 –**

**-Matthew 5:14-16 –**

**-Romans 13:12 –**

**-2 Corinthians 4:6 –**

**-Ephesians 5:8 –**

**-1 Peter 2:9 –**

**-1 John 1:7 –**

* **light a lamp** – Since the lamps used by the people of Jesus’ day were fueled by olive oil, they needed to be lit by igniting the wick that was saturated with the oil.
* **let your light shine** – The verb is an imperative, a command, to be kept at once. It has jussive force, “let” for all you language scholars.
* **light of the gospel** – The gospel shines because it illuminates Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.
* **his light** – This phrase is not in the original Greek text. Rather, it is, “he shined…” Of course, we know that God alone makes the Light of Christ shine into the hearts completely darkened by unbelief.
* **the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ** – God’s glory lights up all things, but it also lights up our hearts since he displays his glory in Jesus Christ. Compare this phrase with Numbers 6:24-26.
* **this treasure** – See the above statement! Christ is this treasure.
* **you will shine among them** – We reflect the Light of Christ as we live as Children of the Light.

**2. What do these sections of Scripture teach us?**

* From where do believers get light? [see **John 8:12**]
* What picture does Jesus use in Matthew 5 and how do we apply it?
* What’s the purpose of doing good works/deeds?
* Why are the minds of unbelievers blinded and by whom?
* Since unbelievers are blind, why would we think they could figure out what is God-pleasing as they make decisions?
* What does Paul mean when he says, **“Christ, who is the image of God?”**
* Why must we preach Christ Jesus as Lord and not ourselves?
* To what does Paul equate day one of creation?
* Why does Paul want us to know this?
* What treasure to we have?
* Why does God put the “treasure” in jars of clay?
* What attitude ought we to have as we let our light shine?
* How does Paul talk about our generation?
* How can we shine like lights and stars?

**3. Our CrossWord for this week is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**4. For further study**

* **Read Psalm 18:28; Mark 4:21-23; Luke 11:33-26; Titus 2:11-14**