

**“Light in a Dark World”
Matthew 5:14-16**

"Today we can say in no uncertain terms that we made our union a little more perfect ...What an extraordinary achievement." President Barak Obama

Isaiah 5:20-24/ John 8:12

I. A Question of Authority

A) Contenders for Authority

- Experience
- Human Wisdom
1 Corinthians 3:19; Romans 12:2
- Tradition
- Institutions
- Our Own Logic

B) A Flawed Morality

Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 44:2; Psalm 139:13-16

Challenge to Christian Authority: rely on worldly wisdom instead of _____.

II. A Question of Relationship

A) Relationship with God

2 Corinthians 4:4-6; Proverbs 14:12

B) Relationship with World

1 John 5:19; Matthew 5:14-16

C) Relationship with Church

Romans 15:5-6

Challenge to Christian Relationship: love something else, _____.

III. A Question of Trust

A) When we don't Understand

B) Believing His Promises

Challenge to Christian Trust: It doesn't seem like God's _____.