

## SALT & LIGHT MATTHEW 5:13-16



You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

MATTHEW 5:13-14



Neither 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. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven...

MATTHEW 5:15-16





And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God <u>and having favor with all the people</u>. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:46-47



Jesus prayed for the church on the night of His arrest that we would remember who we are! We are sent INTO the world, but we are OF Christ and not OF the world. We have a new identity, nature and power. Paul says we were once darkness, but we are now light.

Those OF Christ are now salt & light!



The worst thing about sin is that it dehumanizes us. Sin hijacks our humanity from its original, fulfilling, God-glorifying purpose. Ironically, sin does the opposite of what we desire—it lures us away from experiencing the fullness and freedom of being a human created in the image of God.

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EMBRACING YOUR GOD-GIVEN HUMANITY



Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

ROMANS 12:17-19



To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:20-21





Your words?

Your deeds?

Your attitudes?



## JESUS WARNING AT THE END OF VERSE 13:

If the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.



Jesus is saying that for some professing believers, they are so living, that nothing grows where they go!

## What kind of thoughts or actions would help me become more of a peacemaker?

Leave room for God to avenge and to judge when I am wronged

Be more generous with my assumptions & expectations of others

Remember all that God has suffered from me

To not expect non-believers to live supernaturally



## LIGHT WARMS, BEAUTIFIES AND REVEALS

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Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

MATTHEW 25:1-4



As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves."

MATTHEW 25:5-9



And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MATTHEW 25:10-13



To them (saints) God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all HIS ENERGY that he powerfully works within me.

Colossians 1:27-28



If I am not being refilled each day, I will come to despise the people God has called me to love—I will judge them and distance myself from them.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

MATTHEW 7:21



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