## Be Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16



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LEAD-IN: "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be

made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and

trampled underfoot by people.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in

heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Be Salt and Light**

Sharing in Christ includes

sharing in His rejection (Matthew 5:10-12).

We are called to be salt and light

in a world that doesn't always welcome us.

In biblical times.

before refrigeration and modern medicine,

salt had a variety of vital uses.

It was an antiseptic and disinfectant, used for cleansing wounds

despite the intense pain it caused.

Newborns were rubbed with salt to

cleanse the infant and prevent infection (Ezekiel 16:4).

The prophet Elisha threw salt into a contaminated spring

to purify the water (2 Kings 2:19-22).

Salt was a required ingredient in temple offerings (Leviticus 2:13).

enhancing flavor, preventing spoilage, and

symbolizing enduring loyalty (note a "covenant of salt" in Numbers 18:19).

Salt flavors.

Salt disinfects.

Salt preserves.

Salt heals.

And it does so by interacting with what it treats.

It gives itself and

invests itself in

the water, the elements on the skin, and the food.

## LIGHT.

Light dispels darkness.

Into a world of

danger,

fear,

evil, and

death.

light brings

safety,

security,

truth, and

life.

Into our dark and formless world,
God's first gift was light (Genesis 1:3-4).
He gave His only Son as
the Light of the World (John 8:12).
Our connection with Him is to be
so unmistakably clear that people
see us and
glorify the Father for sending Christ.

The world needs Jesus Christ. Give them Jesus Christ. Be salt. Be light.

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