

SALT AND LIGHT

* Sermon on the Mount - the kind of life a disciple must live.

* Salt and Light [Matthew 5:13-16] - How we suppose to function in this world as a disciple.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."*

1. the Salt of the earth

what does it mean to be SALT?

sodium chloride is a very STABLE chemical compound. It will only change when it is contaminated by mixing it with impurities

Rabbis used this phrase meaning "become foolish" [lost its taste]

R.V.G Tasker - *"to be a moral disinfectant in a world where moral standards are low, constantly changing and even non existent."*

SALT preserves life [morality]

MARK 9:42-50

49 For everyone will be salted with fire **[there is a final purification coming]**

50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves **[sanctification]** and be at peace with one another.

14 *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

15 *Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*

2. the Light of the world

what does it mean to be the LIGHT of the world?

1. **vs 16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven

Saved for good works NOT by good works.

Philippians 2:15

...Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain...

2. A incubator -> light here **brings out life**
 - as we shine our light [good works] there will be life.
3. Being the light of the world should not be a burden.
 - we can not produce this LIGHT BUT we can cover it up.
 - LIGHT is the gospel in us to be a witness
 - the LIGHT will always be there.

Jesus Christ - "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

What changes?

1. We need to be the **difference** between Christian and non Christian, between church and world.
2. We must **accept the responsibility** which this distinction puts upon us
3. We have to see our responsibility as 2 fold: **Preserve life and Bring life!**

Romans 12:13 ...But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires...

