

Salt & Light

Series – Prayer & Holiness

- learning communication with God
- discovering His heart – aligning with His will
- removing obstacles to full surrender – living Holy lives

Practical Holiness

- great news of relationship and transformation
- discovering life in this Kingdom of God
- poor in spirit, mourning, meek, pursuing God, merciful, peacemakers, opposed for affiliation, opposed because of right living!

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***"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. 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 5:13-16**

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1. You Are the Salt of the Earth

- note – not you have some salt, given something for you
- you are – transformed hearts – you are now salty.....

- thoughts about salt:

a) Preserves and Purifies

- keeps from spoiling, going rotten
- cleansing properties – remove infection
- used properly – of great value

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b) Flavors

- makes tasty – enhances the experience
- seasons – can be used creatively
- brings pleasure – joyful

c) Causes Thirst

- brings a desire for water
- draws to the living water Jesus Promises
- causes a craving for Jesus

* Warning – don't disregard what you are – lose your saltiness and become worthless!

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2. You Are the Light of the World

- again not you have a light to use when required
- you **are** the light – part of life in the Kingdom

a) City on a Hill

- war time blackouts – hide from enemy
- light covered to prevent detection
- church is the children of God – visible
- Beacon that is intended to shine from a hill
- some drawn – some fearing exposure

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b) Lamp that is Burning

- meant to give light, cause to see - illumine
- hidden under a bowl
 - closet Christians, removed from sight
 - shining only with those hiding with you
- put it on a stand
 - so everyone in house can see
 - meant to show the way
 - expose each other – forward together

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c) See your Motives & Actions – Praise God

- light shine before men – living your life with a transparent and clear view – revealed heart
- sharing your story – testimony, God's peace in trouble, God's provision in need, times of trial and questions answered!
- good deeds – careful not to become works focused, but revealing why we are motivated to grant mercy, be full of grace, care for the sick, feed the hungry, fight for the oppressed, daily be obedient!

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- God will Get the Glory

- what is noticed will be credited to God's work in you

- not for your Glory or Praise

- not for your Credit and Appreciation from others

- not for increased influence or maturity

- * reveals the heart of God beating in you – God gets the Glory!

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So What

1. You Are Salt

- get into your culture and rub off on others
 - preserve and purify – be known for what's right
 - flavor – be creative, full of taste, interesting
 - cause thirst – draw others to living water

2. You Are Light

- you are being seen – is your bulb on?
 - As a Church – city on a hill - visible

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- Individually – in your work, at home, is your lamp placed high – are you allowing it to reveal, illumine, guide?

3. When Transformed Hearts Engage

- Men Will See
- God Will Be Praised!