

# SALT & LIGHT



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# THE SEASON

1. Walking @ pace of Love
2. As in the days of Noah
3. Oil lamps full | Live ready
4. Know Jesus | Shephard
5. Stakes are high | True sheep?

# ALL ABOUT JESUS

6. God's house, a house of Prayer  
→ Jesus our Intercessor



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We should not ask, ‘What is wrong with the world?’ for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather we should ask, “What has happened to the salt and light?” - John Stott



## 2. Scripture:

### **Matthew 5:13-16 Believers Are Salt and Light**

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



## Matthew 5:13-14 (AMP)

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste (purpose), how can it be made salty? It is no longer good for anything...

**Matthew 5:13 (MSG)** "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.



Matthew 5:13 (MSG)

...how will people taste godliness?

*Who in your life?*



Be careful how you live; you will  
be the only Bible some people  
ever read.

- William Thoms



### 3. Salt:

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled on by men.

- preservative to save
- 'Salt of the Earth' | Meaning: According to Dictionary.com, salt of the earth means “an individual or group considered as representative of the best or noblest elements of society.”





1. **Preservative Influence**: Salt was used to preserve food from decay. Similarly, Jesus preserves us and calls His followers to act as a preserving influence on the world, counteracting moral decay and corruption.

2. **Seasoning and Flavor**: Salt adds flavor to food. In the same way, Christians are called to bring life and an enriching influence to the world, making it like the Kingdom. – SALT TOUCHES EVERYTHING

3. **Purification**: Salt was also used for purification purposes. Jesus brings us into righteousness and calls his followers to bring moral purity and righteousness to the world.



#### 4. Light:

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## 1. Statement of truth - Received and lived by faith:

- Intimacy, closeness, following Jesus

## 2. One Source:

**John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- the source, Jesus



### 3. The Light, the Word:

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Verse: 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

*Jesus*

JESUS = Logos = Word = Light

Live out the Word, Church!



## **5. Test:**

### **1. Look like Jesus**

Jesus is the salt and the light  
– so others will see His ways and fruit

### **2. Righteousness**

We will be known by our talk? By our fruit



### 3. Persecution

Popular or persecuted?

People will not always like His salt and light in you –

**John 3: 19** “This, then, is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. 21 But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.”



**1 Thessalonians 5:5-6** For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. 6 So then, we must not sleep, like the rest, but we must stay awake and be serious.

**1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



LET'S PRAY

