

ARE YOU SALT SEASONING AND LIGHT GUIDE TO THE LOST?

I ask that you be “prayed up” so you have “the salt and the light” to share.

This article is an excerpt of a message I shared with my Christian brothers and sisters, in ministry, in 2016.

So, getting back to the “salt and light” comment I made earlier, you know it’s in the Word (Matt. 5: 13-16). In ancient times, and in the early days of our country, salt was rubbed into meat to keep it from spoiling. When Jesus said we are salt and light, He was literally implying that the world is decaying and dark and it needs salt rubbed into it and light shined upon it. Wherever salt or light are present, they change their environment. Jesus was telling his disciples and He is telling us, “You’re going to make an impact; you will influence the world.” *“Changing the world, one heart at a time.”*

First, we are to be salt (v. 13). Salt preserves from corruption. Meaning, we are, in Christ, able to retard decay of the world. We are to be the example, to behave differently and to treat people differently. Salt, you know, also adds flavor. Some foods are very tasteless unless you add a pinch of salt. People want something that makes life meaningful. As salt is to food, so Christians are to be to life. We know too that salt creates thirst. The world is spiritually dehydrated, and as salt we point the way to the drinking fountain of living water; our Lord and Savior.

Second, we are to be light (v. 14). Light is a metaphor for the cleansing effect of the truth upon the darkness of sin. Light destroys darkness wherever it goes. Light is obviously visible, so the Christian life is to be lived publicly; not just behind the four walls of our churches. Light also shows the way out of darkness. We are to lead men and women out of darkness into light, away from sin and into the truth.

So I’m / we’re reminded that we’re different from the world and we’re not to be afraid to be different. You and I are noticed and we’re observed. We’re responsible for keeping that salty edge about us and to lift our lamps. As a Christian, I feel privileged, in the midst of world’s decay and darkness, to be called salt and light by Jesus.

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