

# Salt and Light

## Matt 5:13-16

**Q: What does salt do?** Adds, enhances flavor, preserves what would otherwise rot

**Q: What was its value back in biblical times?** It was quite valuable and hard to come by in certain places. It would not have been as pure as today. Methods of refining are tremendously improved. when it comes to mining.

**Q: In what way do we have the properties of salt?** The natural state of the world goes on in some sense, as God had intended it. Birds do what birds do, trees as trees. When we are obedient to God, we become the same re-enhancing something that lacks in the current sinful, fallen world. Think about the lukewarm water and how vile it was to God. Bland living is bland living, undesirable, wasteful. We are truly salt if we make what is good better. We are salt if we speak out and help prevent the moral decay and putrefaction of the world around us.

**Q: How can salt lose its taste?** Absorbed into something greater, diluted. Is too impure, mixed with other things, filler

**Q: Looking at Luke 14:34-35 and Leviticus 2:13, what do we learn, especially through the context of Luke 14?** Leaving all, standing out from the world, giving all is equivalent to being salty (Mk 9:50)

**Q: What do these scriptures say about light?** John 1:4-5, John 8:12, 1 John 1:5, Rev 21:23

**Q: What does it take to be a light?** John 12:35-36 Believe

**Q: Can light not be light? Can a Christian not be a light?** Ephesians 8:8-14, 1 John 1:6-7 No. We ARE light if we are in Christ.

**Q: So, is Matt 5:14-16 Inevitable?** Yes. We are light. John 12:46

**Q: How do we make sure our light is bright?** Luke 11:33-36, Phil 2:14-16, 2 Peter 1:19 Hold onto the message, put our eyes and hearts on what is pure. (Phil 4:8-9)

**Q: What are we placing in front of our light? In what way are you isolating yourself or your faith, holding it back, from others?** Light can be filtered, quenched by fog, distorted, diverted, held in by walls, barriers. Is our time reading books, watching television and movies, spending time playing on electronics, the internet holding our light in? Should our light be out shining but instead we are boxing it in in our homes, not forming maintaining and strengthening relationships in a dark world?