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Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16





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2 Corinthians 4:6-7

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.



Matthew 5:13

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.



Historical Uses for Salt

1. Seasoning for food



Colossians 4:5-6

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“Make my words honest and true, economical and few, wise and well chosen, calm and kind. Give me so much love and grace that this kind of conversation comes naturally to me. Amen.”



Timothy Keller



1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



Blessings We Can Proclaim

1. A satisfaction not based on changing circumstances;
2. A meaning in life that suffering can't take away;
3. An identity that is not fragile or crushing because it is not based on the ups and downs of your performance;
4. A hope in the future that can face anything, even and especially death, with confidence;
5. The ability to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation;
6. The inward resources for self-sacrifice that justice requires.



Historical Uses for Salt

1. Seasoning for food
2. Fertilizer



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1. Seasoning for food
2. Fertilizer
3. A preservative

Rebecca Manley Pippert

Out of the saltshaker & into the world

Evangelism as a way of life





Matthew 5:14-16

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

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.



“Everybody wants to
save the Earth;
nobody wants to help
Mom do the dishes.”



P.J. O'Rourke



2 Corinthians 4:3-4

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



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.”



John 12:36

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.



Meanings of “Light”

1. Light makes things visible.



Ephesians 5:11-12

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.



Proverbs 24:24-25

Whoever says to the wicked, “You are in the right,” will be cursed by peoples, abhorred by nations, but those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.



“Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion, against injustice and lying and greed.”



William Faulkner



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2. Light = Good Works



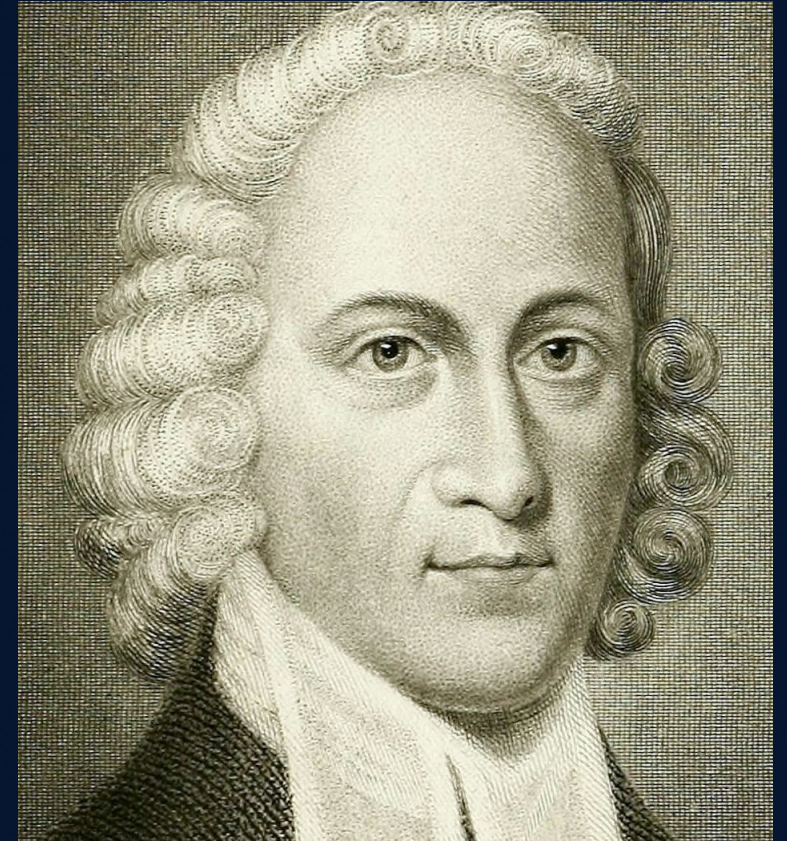
Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



“Do not make an excuse that you have not opportunities to do anything for the glory of God, for the interest of the Redeemer’s kingdom, and for the spiritual benefit of your neighbors.

If your heart is full of love, it will find vent; you will find or make ways enough to express your love in deeds. When a fountain abounds in water, it will send forth streams.”



Jonathan Edwards



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3. Light is the very glory of the Lord



Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.













John 1:4-5

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.



1 Thessalonians 5:5

For you are all children of light, children of the day.
We are not of the night or of the darkness.



Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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,



Psalm 89:15-16

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who
exult in your name all the day and in your
righteousness are exalted.



Job 29:24

I smiled on them when they had no confidence,
and the light of my face they did not cast down.



A simple smile can communicate:

- ✓ Love
- ✓ Favor
- ✓ Acceptance
- ✓ Appreciation
- ✓ Care and concern
- ✓ Value
- ✓ Interest
- ✓ Positivity
- ✓ Friendship



- Be salty. Be different.
- Be willing to interface & engage with this decaying world.
- Be willing to call out evil and expose it.
- Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with truth.
- Talk about God's excellencies, and what he's done for you.
- Watch for those good works that God has prepared in advance for you to do.
- Refrain from grumbling or arguing. (Start at home.)
- Live your life in the glorious light of God's smile, and smile yourself!

