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MATTHEW 5-7

SALT AND LIGHT

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Matthew 5:13-16

***“He has delivered us
from the domain of
darkness and transferred
us to the kingdom of his
beloved Son.”***

~ Colossians 1:13

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**In Jesus' kingdom,
we are salt and
light in a decaying
and dark world.**

I. A Fundamental Purpose

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A. Salt (vs. 13)

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B. Light (vs. 14)

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

~ John 8:12

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II. A Tragic Neglect

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A. Unsalted Salt (vs. 13)

B. Hidden Light (vs. 15)

“Salt does [what it does] precisely because there is something about it that makes it different from the thing onto which it is sprinkled. If you sprinkle broccoli bits on broccoli, you haven’t accomplished much. Salt is

***useful, Jesus was saying,
exactly because it is salty, and
if it loses its saltiness—if it
becomes no different from
what it is sprinkled on—then
it's of no use at all.”***

~ Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert

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***“For at one time you
were darkness, but now
you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of
light.”***

~ Ephesians 5:8

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III. A Wonderful Result (vs. 16)

***“So, whether you eat or
drink, or whatever you
do, do all to the glory of
God.”***

~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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***“Live in such a way that
people look at your life
and make much of your
God.”***

~ John Piper

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“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

~ Matthew 13:43

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- **What happens in your relationships with fellow Christians?**

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- Are we afraid to be different?

“I have sometimes heard Christians witness to people in these terms, 'You mustn't think being a Christian takes away your fun. I can enjoy doing the same things you do. Being a Christian isn't a series of don'ts!' Much of this may be,

true, but why should the church be so concerned to tell the world that it is not really very different from the world?

The church then becomes both powerless and pointless.

Jesus emphasizes that our ability to preserve the world in

***order that it may see Christ
depends on our being
different.”***

~ Sinclair B. Ferguson

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