

The parable of salt and light

Matthew 5:13-16



Jesus had gone up a mountain to teach His disciples.



You are the salt of the earth,' Jesus said. 'But if salt loses its flavour, how can it be made salty again?



'You are the light of the world.



'A city located on a hill cannot be hidden.



'People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

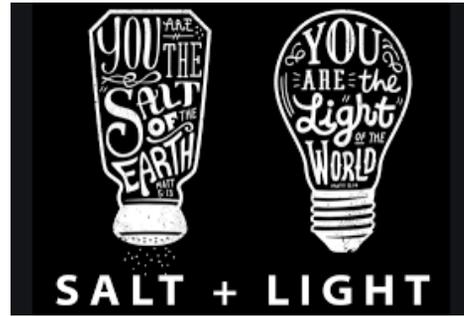


'In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honour to your Father in heaven.'

Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-20)

A parable..... is a special kind of story. It is a story with a meaning. In the New Testament, Jesus used parables to describe to us what the Kingdom of God was like. In general, parables are used to teach us a lesson about life.

Be “Salt and Light” for Jesus.



Salt actually has some amazing properties. It was once used as currency, valued like gold for all of its uses. It can also be a preservative—salt kept things fresh before we had fridges! It can alter chemistry in cooking and even keep roads from freezing. We normally appreciate it most in modern times for its flavour. Salt can change things for better or worse, and make a tremendous difference! This is what Jesus refers to here.

As Christians, we want to have an impact on other people, flavouring them, telling them the good news, and then changing the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We want to be “light shiners” to share *light*...love, and purity, shining in a dark world.

