



PART 2

OPENING SCRIPTURE: **Philippians 2:3** (NLT)

COMMUNION: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26** (NLT)

INTRODUCTION: There is an obligation to every believer who has been saved, born again and changed by the power of Jesus' Blood to become His ambassador. This means we become symbols of Light and Hope; reflecting the Character and Nature of God Himself and literally being Jesus to the ones around us. It's time for an Image check. It's time to consider, are we being salt and light?

MAIN TEXT: **Matthew 5:13-16** (NLT)

OUTLINE:

III. Salt and Light

A. Salt: To 'be salt' means to deliberately seek to influence the people in one's life by showing them the unconditional love of Christ through good deeds.

→ There are quite a few inferences the Bible uses concerning Salt:

1. It makes that which is of no taste or bad taste, palatable
2. The people of God were commanded to season all their sacrifices with salt. (Leviticus 2:13) This symbolized the covenant that was being made with the people: it signified that the worshipper was in agreement with the Lord and had every intention of upholding God's covenants.
3. By way of the covenant, every unpleasant thing shall be made sweet or pleasant to the taste.
4. The covenant binds people together and also binds the people to God who is their creator.
5. The covenant sprinkled with salt speaks of dominion and kingship. It is a sign or symbol of goodwill and favor.
6. Salt is symbolic in the removal of corruption. It is the opposite of the Biblical symbol of Leaven, which brings corruption. While salt, like a preservative, helps keep corruption at bay.

7. Salt is meant to symbolize a mighty spiritual weapon and a cleansing agent. (Ezekiel 16:4 indicates that some newborns were bathed with salt as a way to clean them.)
8. Salt also represents loyalty and perseverance.
9. Salt is an agent of addressing all the toxic things in society.
10. Salt also means a healing agent in the Bible.

B. Light: Does not only penetrate the darkness, which is what Jesus does! But as Jesus shines through us, it can attract the world to God. (**Video Illustration:** Shine for Him movie short) - It is not designed to attract the world to us...it is to attract the world to Jesus. Let's think about it:

- a. **Jesus is confident**
- b. **Jesus is morally perfect**
- c. **Jesus is strong**
- d. **Jesus is an effective and perfect leader. A model leader.**
- e. **Jesus will never let you down.**
- f. **Jesus' instructions and teachings will transform you.**
- g. **Jesus is understanding and forgiving.**
- h. **Jesus is the model best friend. (He'll even raise you from the dead 😊.)**
- i. **Jesus is your go to construction worker...He is not only rebuilding lives and remodeling you, He is even preparing a palace for you in heaven right now!**
- j. **But most importantly, Jesus is your Savior...A Super Hero! You were in a life and death situation, and the only One in the universe who could help you was Jesus! He is my super Hero! And that is an image of God I can live!**

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