



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

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JESUS' BEATITUDES

SALT & LIGHT = INFLUENCE & HELP

MATTHEW 5:3-10

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The Salt Principle

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 trodden under foot by men."

Reflection Question:

“Who are the people who have made a difference in my life?”

Death Valley, CA - 280 ft. Below Sea Level
Dried Lake, Now Salt



There were four uses for salt

- 1. To Purify:** Indicated by is brightness, ability to soften hard water and remove toxic metals
- 2. To Offer:** As currency, and something required with offerings by the ancient Hebrews
- 3. To Preserve:** As a chemical that retards decay in meat, allowing storage without refrigeration
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4. To Flavor: As an enhancement to the taste of food

A single word that can best describe the function of salt is

INFLUENCE

Leviticus 2:13

*God gave a command to the Hebrews that included the use of salt; **“And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. **With all your offerings you shall offer salt.”****”*

Mark 9:50

“Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

We cannot hope to **influence others** positively if we are not **being influenced by God.**

As Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

You Are Light - Designed to Help

Matthew 5:14-15

You are the light of the world. *A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)

Jesus transferred responsibility His disciples (us): "**YOU** are the light of the world"

Three Purposes for Your Light

1. **God designed light to be seen**

This is why we hold public meetings, publish works, use social media, and more. Just because some people do things the wrong way, does not mean we should do nothing. That would dishonor Jesus.

Shine Your Light!

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Three Purposes for Your Light

2. **Light is a guide**

When we shine our light, we help people.

When we do not allow our light to shine, we permit the hurt and pain of people to continue.

Three Purposes for Your Light

2. **Light can be a warning**

Just as light can show the way to good places, it can also provide advance warning of dangers ahead.

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FAITH



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