



The SALT and the *Light*

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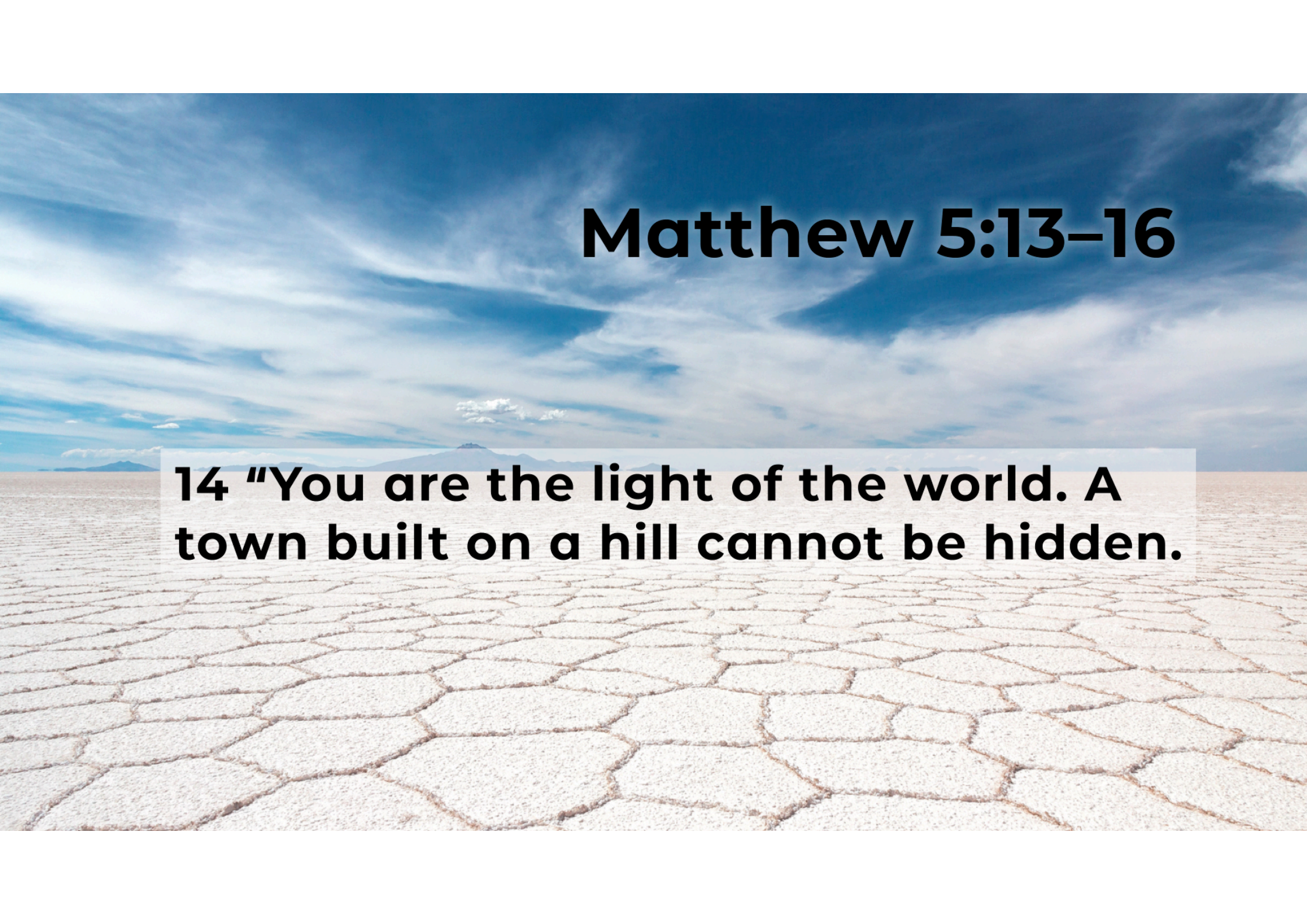
SERMON TITLE

Matthew 5:13–16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5:13–16

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

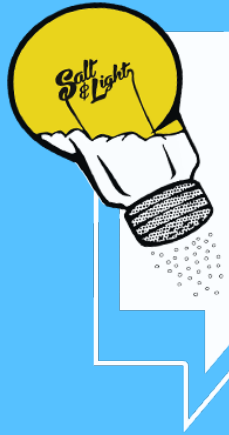


Matthew 5:13–16

15 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.

Matthew 5:13–16

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

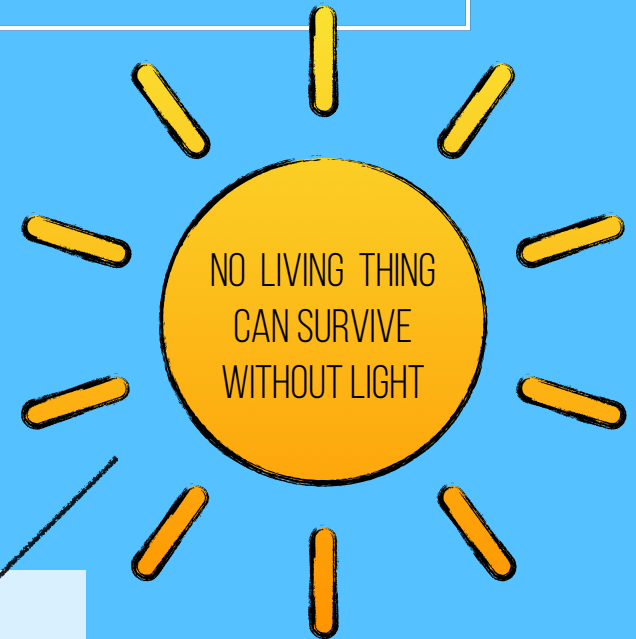


You are to be the SALT and the *Light*

BOTH ELEMENTS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT & ESSENTIAL !



- > ADD FLAVOURS TO FOOD
- > PRESERVES FOOD
- > A NECESSITY IN OUR DAILY LIVING



THAT'S WHY GOD CREATED LIVING THINGS AFTER HE CREATED LIGHT !

The ecosystem and food chain starts with the **sun(LIGHT)**

Without **sunlight** the earth will be too cold to live in.

The pale throated sloth may live in darkness **BUT** the forest they live in requires **sunlight** to thrive.

Sunlight provides heat and energy.

LIGHT helps us to see in darkness and avoid danger.



PALE-THROATED SLOTH

FOUND IN THE NORTHERN AMAZON FOREST





**ARE
YOU...**

LOST IN LIFE ?

**CARRIED AWAY IN YOUR CAREER
AND PERSONAL GOALS ?**

**GOING TOO FAR FROM GOD IN
SEARCH OF PURPOSE IN LIFE ?**

Today, the spirit of God is asking you to return to Him.
Stop going around searching.
Return to seek His living and powerful words.



You serve as an agent to prevent life from turning stale, keeping it fresh and present for people around you.

You shine and light up the path for others to see Jesus.

You are the SALT of the earth...

You are the *Light* of the world.

GOD HAS PUT YOU TO INFLUENCE AND LEAD OTHERS TO THE ETERNAL HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS.

HIS SALVATION ON THE CROSS IS DESIGNED TO BLESS AND IMPACT LIVES AND FAMILIES AND BRING GLORY TO HIS NAME.



IN THE ANCIENT TIME, SALT IS VERY VALUABLE

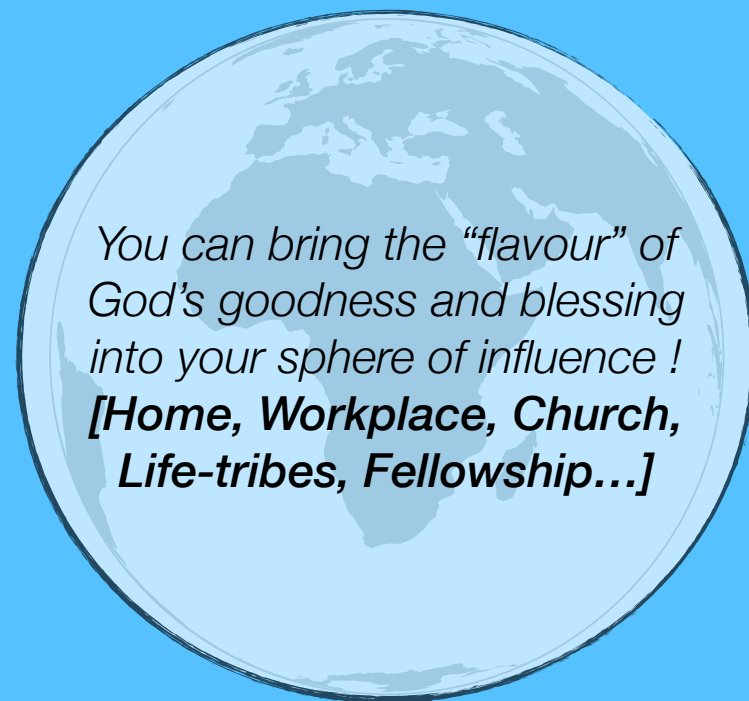
ROMANS PAID THEIR SOLDIERS WITH SALT

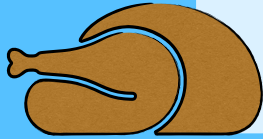
You are the SALT and the *Light*

YOU ARE A SEASONING AGENT FOR GOD

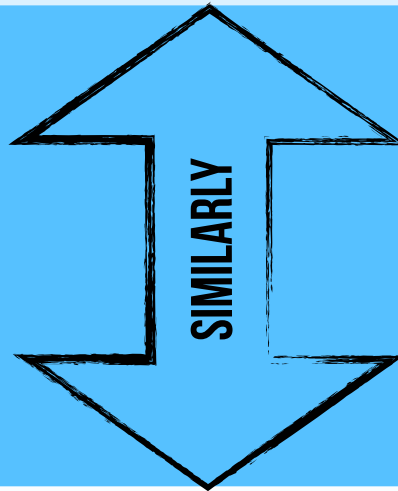
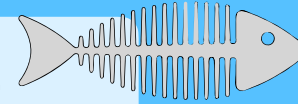


*You can bring the “flavour” of
God’s goodness and blessing
into your sphere of influence !
[Home, Workplace, Church,
Life-tribes, Fellowship...]*





To be effective in using SALT, ***SALT must be applied evenly and in contact with*** the food in order to preserve or season it.



Let's re-commit our lives
not to live isolated or
inward looking.

Without keeping in touch
with people, we cannot be
His SALT & LIGHT.



**TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AGENT TO IMPACT LIVES,
WE MUST KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE.**



STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37 (NIV)

WHO DO YOU
WANT TO BE ?

GOOD SAMARITAN

Good neighbour,
Look out and care for others,
Protect and save the life of the poor
man, Helpful.

*When was the last time. You have
been a good samaritan ?*

*When was the last time you have
demonstrated God's love with
someone who simply not contributing
to your welfare ?*

PRIEST & LEVITE

Observed and taught the law,
Believe in God,
Show no mercy and love to people
around, Leave the poor man to die,
Get busy with their routines and
duties.

*What may have gone through the
thoughts of the priest and the Levite
when they saw the poor man who
needed help but did not step forward
to help ?*

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

27 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself."



SALT AND *Light* EXPOSE THE DARKEST THOUGHTS

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."



Use the word of God to encourage people around you. The word of God carries power and gives life.

You can be a SALT to preserve lives from decay or death. [Sin, sickness, bondages..]

You can be the LIGHT that shines into the life that is filled with fear, depression or hopelessness.

Be of good courage and be willing to step out for God's Glory

Be a listening ear, be ready to reach out and make someone feel valued and loved today.



You the SALT and the *Light*

WHEN WE DO NOT ACT AS THE SALT AND LIGHT ...

TEMPTATION, LIES OF THE DEVIL,
SELFISH DESIRES WILL FIND THEIR
WAY INTO YOUR LIFE.

Hebrews 13:21(NIV)

"equips you with everything good for doing his will, and may
He work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ"

WE HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED TO DO THE THE WILL OF
GOD. LET US NOT LOSE THE EFFECT OF THE SALT
AND LIGHT BY HIDING OURSELVES UNDER THE
BASKET. [SELFISH DESIRES AND GAINS]

WHEN WE DO NOT STAND UP FOR
GOD'S VALUES AND PRINCIPALS, WE
WILL START TO LIVE A LIFE OF
COMPROMISED.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve
others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Have you been using your gifts
and talents God has given
you for His Glory?



You are the SALT and the *Light*
FOR CHRIST!