

**GOOD TO  
GREAT**

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

**A NEW YOU: SALT AND LIGHT**



**Short definition of greatness:**

*Greatness is an inside work that is  
seen and experienced on the outside.*



Long definition of greatness:

*Greatness is me becoming a bit more like Jesus everyday, so much so that those closest to me **SEE Jesus in me and EXPERIENCE Jesus through me.***



**INTRODUCTION – Matthew 5:2-16**

**MAIN BODY – Matthew 5:17-7:23**

**CONCLUSION – Matthew 7:24-29**



# INTRODUCTION

## **Beatitudes**

*Process to Kingdom Jesus People*

Matthew 5:2-12



# INTRODUCTION

## **Metaphors**

*Identity of Kingdom Jesus People*

Matthew 5:13-16



# Matthew 5:13-14

## *Salt and Light*

<sup>13</sup>“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 trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>2</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



# LIVE SENT

*Show and share Jesus in everyday conversations with everyday people.*



# Two encounter others should have with me

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**1) EXPERIENTIAL:**  
*Am I salty for Jesus?*



# Salt is experienced:

1. in a covenant relationship with God



# Leviticus 2:13

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Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.



# Salt is experienced:

1. in a covenant relationship with God
2. as a preservative



# Salt is experienced:

1. in a covenant relationship with God
2. as a preservative
3. by bringing flavor to others



# Job 6:6

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Can that which is tasteless be eaten  
without salt?



# Matthew 5:13

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“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste...”



# Luke 14:34

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“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?”



# **Matthew 5:13**

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**“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 trampled under people's feet.”**



# Matthew 5:13

moraintha (μωρανθη) – *to be foolish*

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# LIFE PRINCIPLE

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We are called to be **in the world**,  
*but the world isn't to be in us.*



# 1 John 2:15-16

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Do not **love** the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.



# **John 17:15-16**

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”



# Romans 12:2

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- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...





**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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“We need to recapture the gospel glow of the early Christians who were nonconformist to the truest sense of the word and refused to shape their witness according to the mundane patterns of the world. Willingly they sacrificed their fame, fortune and life itself on behalf of the cause they knew to be right.”

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



# **Two encounters others should have with me**

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**1) EXPERIENTIAL:**

*Am I salty for Jesus?*

**2) SEEING:**

*Am I illuminating Jesus?*



# LIVE SENT

*Show and share Jesus in everyday conversations with everyday people.*



# Matthew 5:14a

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“You are the light of the world...”



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“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, **a light for the nations.**” – Isaiah 42:6



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Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you...<sup>3</sup> **And nations shall come to your light...** – Isaiah 60:1,3



# What does light do?

## 1. LIGHT dispels darkness.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
can never extinguish it.

—John 1:8.



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which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

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The **fruit of light** is found in all that is *good* and *right*  
and *true*. – Ephesians 5:9



# What does light do?

1. LIGHT dispels darkness.
2. LIGHT illumines truth.
3. LIGHT points people to Jesus.



# Matthew 5:16

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**“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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# 1 John 1:7

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If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.