



# SERMON ON THE MOUNT



# SALT & LIGHT

# MATTHEW 4:23-25

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

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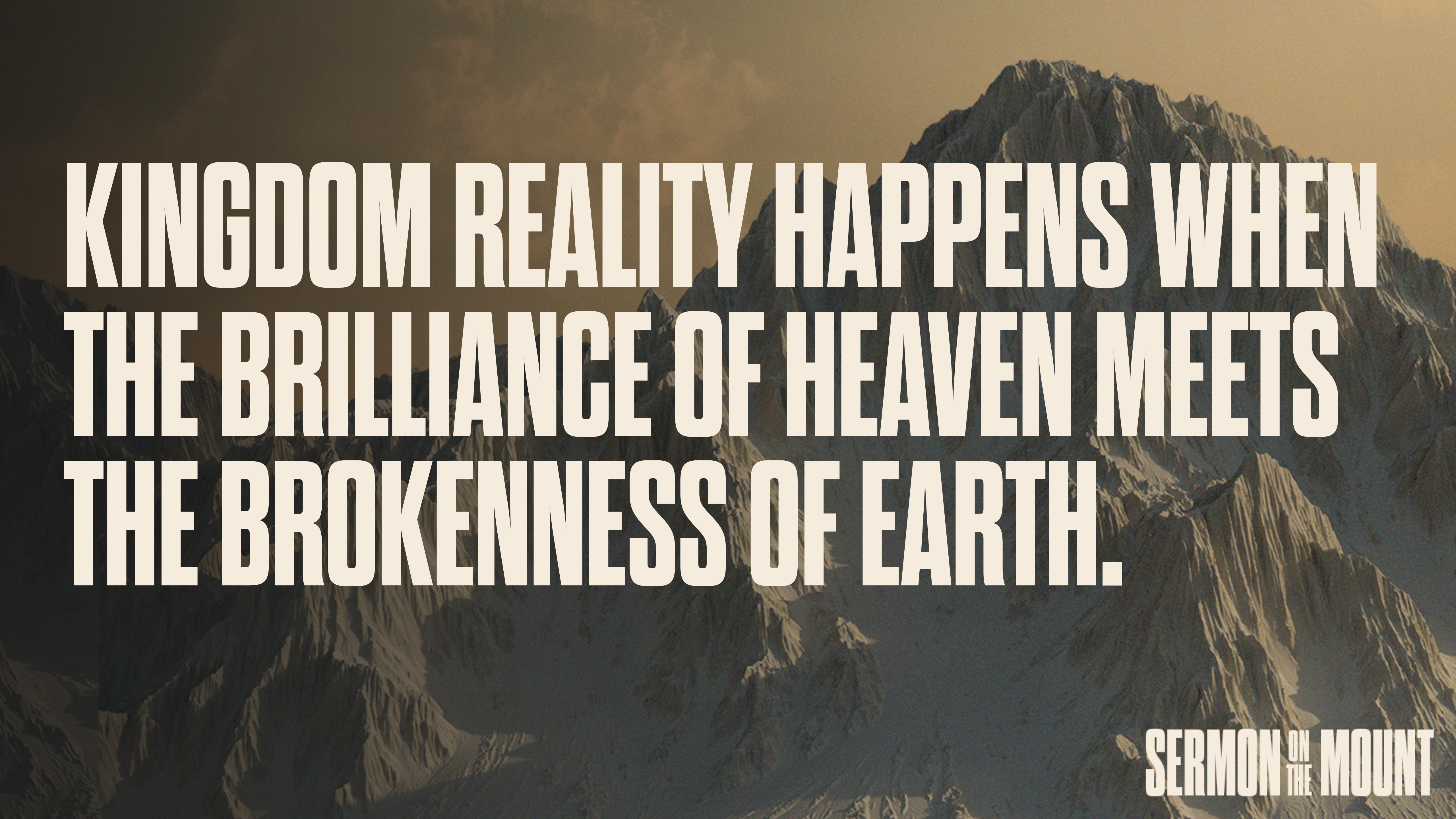
**KINGDOM =  
GOD'S PEOPLE, UNDER GOD'S  
POWER, LIVING GOD'S PURPOSE.**

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**NOT ALL CHRISTIAN CULTURE  
IS KINGDOM CULTURE.**

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**KINGDOM REALITY HAPPENS WHEN  
THE BRILLIANCE OF HEAVEN MEETS  
THE BROKENNESS OF EARTH.**

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**RULE DETERMINES REALM**

**DO I LIVE A LIFE THAT  
RELEASES THE KINGDOM  
OR RESTRAINS IT?**

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**WOULD YOU SAY YOUR  
LIFE IS IN DRIVE, NEUTRAL,  
OR REVERSE?**

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**REPRODUCE**

**RENEW**

**KINGDOM  
(CHRIST)**

**RAISE**

**REACH**

**RELEASE**

# MATTHEW 5:13

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.

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# COLOSSIANS 4:5-6

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

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# EPHESIANS 1:22-23

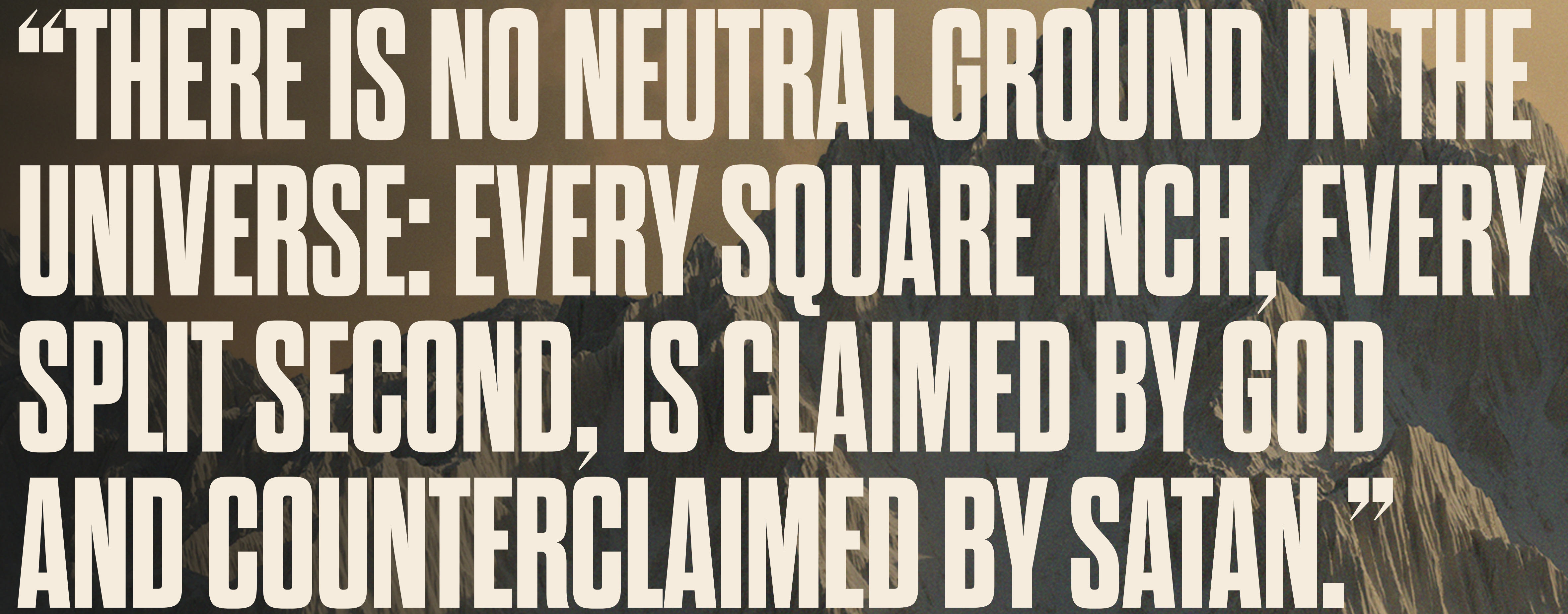
And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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**“PLEROO (FILLS) ALSO CONVEYS THE IDEA OF PERMEATION AS OF SALT’S PERMEATING MEAT IN ORDER TO FLAVOR AND PRESERVE IT.”**

– Bible Portal

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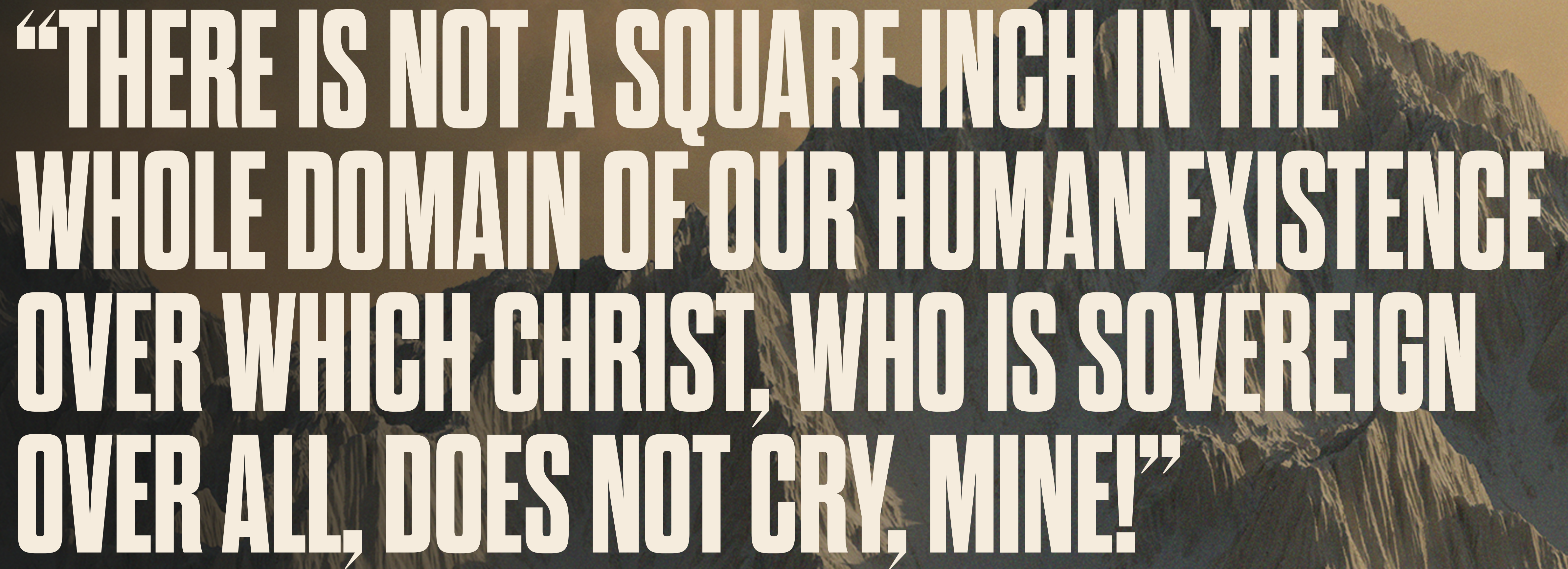


**“THERE IS NO NEUTRAL GROUND IN THE  
UNIVERSE: EVERY SQUARE INCH, EVERY  
SPLIT SECOND, IS CLAIMED BY GOD  
AND COUNTERCLAIMED BY SATAN.”**

– C.S. Lewis

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**“THERE IS NOT A SQUARE INCH IN THE  
WHOLE DOMAIN OF OUR HUMAN EXISTENCE  
OVER WHICH CHRIST, WHO IS SOVEREIGN  
OVER ALL, DOES NOT CRY, MINE!”**

– Abraham Kuyper

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THE WORD *SALARY* COMES FROM AN ANCIENT WORD MEANING “SALT-MONEY,” REFERRING TO A ROMAN SOLDIER’S ALLOWANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALT. SOMEONE WHO WORKS HARD TO EARN HIS PAY IS STILL SAID TO BE “WORTH HIS SALT.”

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# ***POSITIVE EFFECTS OF A SALT-EXPRESSED LIFE:***

Preserving instead of Rotting  
Prohibits instead of Plagues  
Purifies instead of Infects  
Produces instead of Prevents  
Pursues instead of Prohibits  
Palate instead of Poison  
Perfume instead of Repulse  
Parched instead of Pacify  
Proximity instead of Passivity  
Peace instead of Panic

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# HOW DOES SALT LOSE ITS SALTINESS?

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# LUKE 14:34

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

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# MATTHEW 5:14-16

You are the light of 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.

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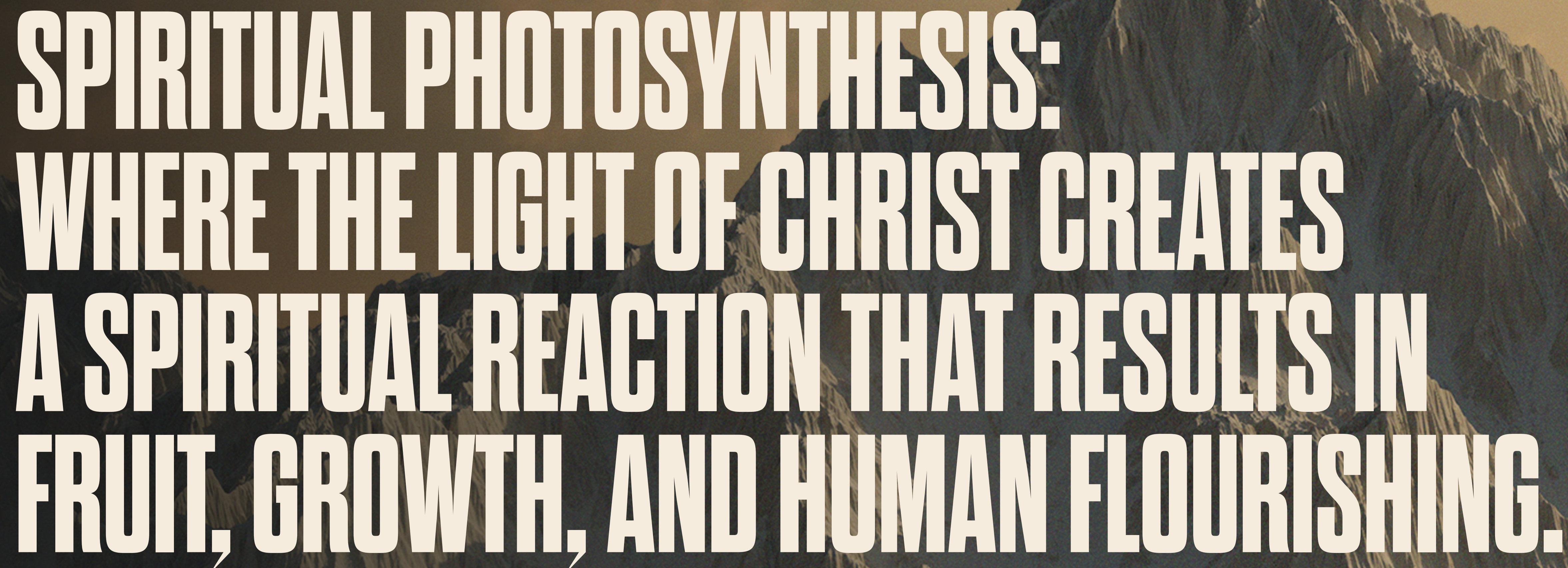


**BEING A LIGHT IS ACTIVE,  
NOT PASSIVE.**

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**SPIRITUAL PHOTOSYNTHESIS:  
WHERE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CREATES  
A SPIRITUAL REACTION THAT RESULTS IN  
FRUIT, GROWTH, AND HUMAN FLOURISHING.**

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**DARKNESS REPRESENTS HELL.  
LIGHT REPRESENTS HEAVEN.**

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# EPHESIANS 5:8-9

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.

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# ***POSITIVE EFFECTS OF A LIGHT-EXPRESSED LIFE:***

Exposes Instead of Conspires

Warms Instead of Burns

Colors Instead of Mutes

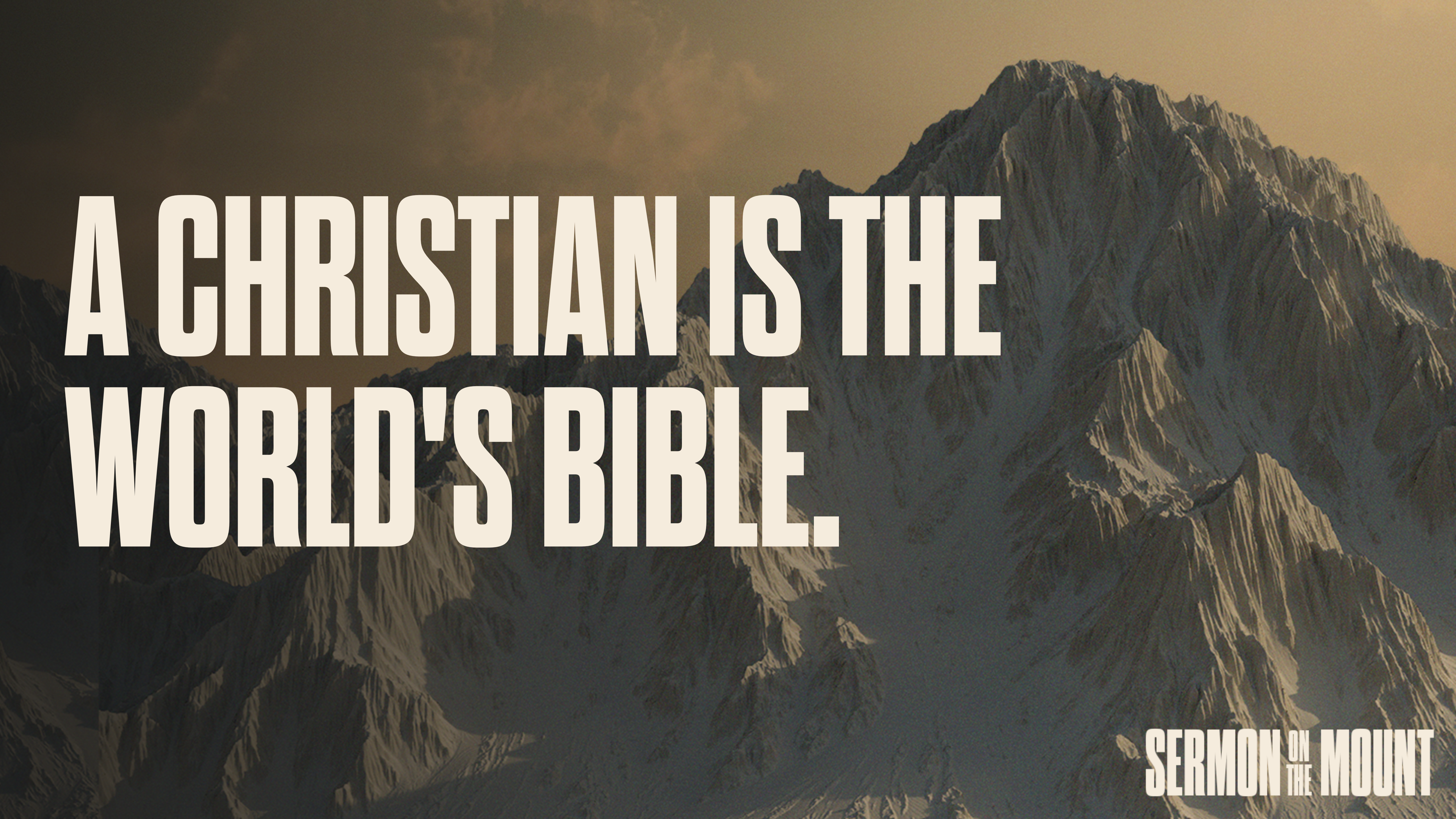
Clarifies Instead of Confuses

Guides Instead of Deceives

Reveals Instead of Conceals

Separates Instead of Blends

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**A CHRISTIAN IS THE  
WORLD'S BIBLE.**

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# MATTHEW 5:16

That they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

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MANY FOLLOWERS *SHINE* BUT DON'T *SHARE*  
WHICH LEADS TO *REPUTATION*.

MANY FOLLOWERS *SHARE* BUT DON'T *SHINE*  
WHICH LEADS TO *REGULATION*.

FOLLOWERS WHO *SHINE* AND *SHARE*  
LEADS TO *REVELATION*.

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# REVELATION 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

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**YOU'RE HERE TO BE LIGHT,  
BRINGING OUT THE GOD-COLORS  
IN THE WORLD.**

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**G** - God created us for a meaningful life and to be in a loving relationship with Him.

**O** - Our lives are in bondage to sin which leads to death, suffering, and separation from God.

**S** - Sin was canceled and overcome through the power of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus.

**P** - Peace, reconciliation, freedom, and healing are offered to anyone who turns to Jesus.

**E** - Everyone who turns and believes is a new person and part of God's family.

**L** - Living a flourishing life happens through a daily walk with God's Spirit, Word, and people.

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# ***PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHINE AND SHARE:***

1. Start with prayer.
2. Live a counter-narrative.
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit.
4. Serve others.
5. Listen and ask questions.
6. Offer prayer and follow up.
7. Invite to do life with you, come to church, youth group, join a group.
8. Live a Spirit-filled life and be the presence of the Holy Spirit.
9. Offer them an encounter with a supernatural-loving God.
10. Let your passion for Jesus be authentically contagious.
11. Live in such a way that begs the question, “What is your hope?”.
12. Have bold humility.

# MATTHEW 5:11

Blessed are you when people insult you,  
persecute you and falsely say all kinds  
of evil against you because of me.

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# ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways are you being salt and light in your life?
2. How do you struggle and need to grow at being salt and light?
3. Do you have any unhealthy partnerships with “darkness”?
4. In what ways can you be more intentional to share your faith?
5. What challenges are keeping you from sharing your faith?



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