



Salt & Light

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MATTHEW 5:13-16

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JOHN 17:15-18

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

JESUS' PRAYER

- Don't remove my followers.
- Protect them from the evil one.
- Send them out.

1 JOHN 2:15

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

TRUTH

We are to be in the world but not of
the world!

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

SALT

a flavor and a preservative.

TRUTH

Our presence should hold back the decay and destruction of sin.

ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

TRUTH

We are not thermometers. We are called to be thermostats.

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DARKNESS

Remember that darkness is the
absence of light.

JOHN 3:19-21

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

EPHESIANS 5:7-14

Therefore do not be partners with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

LIGHT

- Makes clear the path.
- Exposes evil that may normally be hidden.

PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

ACTS 13:47

For this is what the Lord has
commanded us:

“I have made you a light for the
Gentiles, that you may bring
salvation to the ends of the earth.”

MATTHEW 5:16

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DOG/CAT THEOLOGY

- Cat - you exist to serve me
- Dog - I exist to serve you

MATTHEW 21:44

Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

ROMANS 9:33

As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

QUOTE

Salt and light both melt hardened ice. Likewise, "Salt and Ice" both melt a hardened heart. - PD