

Salt and Light!

It would look like the world, & the USA is going down the drain – not so!!! God is faithful, God is powerful and God has you and I to use for His glory. The just shall live by faith and not by sight.

In the trouble times will He keep us? **YES** - And in these times **who are we** for others? **Salt and Light!**

SALT - to preserve the world from putrefaction and destruction.

Mat 5:13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

Only the **soul that is in union with Christ Jesus** can preserve its savor, and be instrumental of good to others.

LOST ITS SAVOR - Revelation says – “One who has lost their **FIRST LOVE –ZEAL, PASSION, EXCITEMENT, COMMITMENT, ETC.** – **This is salt that has lost its savor – It has lost its effectiveness** -

- The key element is best described by the word – “**passivity**”. (**INACTIVE, asleep, apathetic, receiving or enduring without resistance**)

Lev 2:13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the **salt of the covenant of thy God** to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

The Jews had to use salt with every sacrifice – we must do the same and **be salty and bright** when we bring our worship and praise and service to God.

Salt is incorruptible in a sense, it is symbolic of the incorruptibleness of Jesus that would preserve the whole earth by His death, burial and resurrection. (keep mankind from putrefaction and destruction)

Salt is a preservative –

Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, **seasoned with salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Salt is a symbol of lasting concord, because it protects food from putrefaction and preserves it unchanged. In the solemn ratification of compacts, the are to this day, accustomed to partake of salt together

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.

2Co 2:15 For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

2Co 2:16 To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Remember Lot’s wife – It may just be a pillar of salt to signify an everlasting monument against unbelief, and disobedience.

How are we salt – Everything we do in God and by God is an **action by His power to preserve LIFE**.

The things we do, the words we say, the thoughts we have, the places we go, the relationships, etc.

LIGHT -

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

How is the light of God blocked – it is done by the following:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the **light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

Light dispels darkness – Light means: To shine, manifest, illumine, brightness, pure, brilliance

Luk 11:33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, **that they which come in may see the light.**

Luk 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

Luk 11:35 **Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.**

Luk 11:36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

How are we light – The life that is within us should shine forth so others will be drawn to the light.

If you are in a dark place and you can see a small light in the distance you will be drawn to go to the light

Those who are in darkness will see the light – and be drawn to it. (hopefully)

Joh 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

What is it that we do that causes these two catalysts to effect the society we live in and every place we are.

WE TRUST AND HAVE FAITH IN God AND HIS WORD – WE BELIEVE, WE LIVE WHAT WE BELIEVE! And our stand is not based on what we see, or what we experience, or the circumstances we live with.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,**

WE WALK IN THE POWER OF God THAT LIVES WITHIN – AND WE DO NOT BACK DOWN, BACK UP FROM WHO WE ARE AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ENTER INTO ANY PLACE, ANYTIME, WITH ANYONE – WE ARE THE MANIFEST VESSEL OF God THAT HE WANT TO USE TO FLOW THROUGH TO TOUCH EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE.

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

- When we enter ANYWHERE – the atmosphere changes – how does it change? The light in us and the salt we use IS THE PRESENCE OF God AND WE ARE HIS CARRIERS.
- People talk down and are beat down – what do we do? How should we talk? **NEVER DOWN - - -**
- Yes people are hurting – but God is the healer of ALL hurts and wounds – **GIVE THEM HEALING**
- **NOT MURMURING, NOT COMPLAINING, NOT NEGATIVE RESPONSES, BUT FAITH FILLED WORDS.**
- **We have received the power** when the Holy Ghost came upon us – Now is the time for that power
- Out of you belly shall flow rivers of living water – from you – now – everywhere –
- We are more than conquerors – then we must be what we are in every situation –
- **We are SALT and We are LIGHT –**

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: