



Flavorful Salt and Guiding Light

Matthew 5:13-16

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Scripture

¹³ *You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.*

¹⁴ *You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Outline

1. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
 - a. Physiological
 - b. Safety
 - c. Social (love/belonging)
 - d. Esteem
 - e. Self-actualization
2. Jesus starting with blessing –with establishing us as secure in him and through him in our eternal condition as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven / Kingdom of God.
3. Now that we know who we are – and how much we are blessed – Jesus tells us our purpose.
4. Salt
 - a. Heals / Purifies (and stings)
 - b. Preserves
 - c. Gives flavor
5. How do we bring about the true essence of people that we know?
 - a. Being salt means going out (“Salt a centimeter away from food is useless” -Dale Bruner)
 - b. Being salt means constantly living within your faith (or else you lose your tang, your “saltiness”)
6. Light of the World
 - a. Ours is a reflected light (like the moonlight)
 - b. John 8:12 – When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
 - c. We shine so as to bring people in from the darkness, and into the light
 - d. Asking people to church...
 - e. Salt and light – connection and illumination