

Walking Through the Mount - 2
Salt and Light – Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth” How valuable is salt? Many oppressive regimes retain total control over the national salt production (China, Turkey).. Salt has not been privately produced in China for 2000 years.

1. The Power of Salt

- a. Seasoning power - Matthew 5:13
- b. Purifying power -“And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.” Lev 2:13 (cf Num 18:19 covenant)
- c. Medicinal power - clean wounds
- d. Preserving power - meat, canning

2. The Power of Christian Salt

- a. Let your speech be salted
 - i. Not Salty - Ephesians 5:3-4 (cf 4:29)
 - ii. Colossians 4:6 - let your speech be always with grace...
- b. Let your life be filled with salt - Mark 9:50 “have salt in yourselves”
- c. Let your worship be offered with salt
 - i. Salt-less worship
 - (1) Isaiah 59:1-2
 - (2) Amos - Rend your hearts and not your garments
 - (3) Malachi 2:13ff
 - (4) Matthew 15:7-9
 - (5) 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
 - ii. Salted worship
 - (1) Psalm 15
 - (2) 1 Timothy 2:8ff

3. “You are the light of the world”

- a. Illuminating power
 - i. Bonne Terre mine – total darkness
 - ii. Given the proper conditions, the human eye can detect a single candle at a distance of more than 20-30 miles.
 - iii. Darkness does not chase away light, but vice versa. In fact, darkness has no power over light, but light is all powerful against darkness.
- b. Directing power
 - i. Light a match in a completely dark room, and every eye will be drawn to it.
 - ii. Live the Christian life in the midst of a perverse and dark generation, and every eye will be drawn to you, BUT NOT ALWAYS FOR THE GOOD.
- c. Purifying and healing power
 - i. Water contaminated with bacteria and/or harmful microbes can be placed in a clear, sealed container and purified with 6 hours of direct sunlight.
 - ii. Jaundice in infants - Sunlight reduces bilirubin in infants that have jaundice.
 - iii. Vitamin D is manufactured by your body when you are exposed to sunlight.
 - iv. Live so as to bring out the good in others.