

LIVING LIGHT - PT. 2 - SALT AND LIGHT

Read **Matthew 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup> *“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”*<sup>(NLT)</sup>

1 - WE HAVE TO CHOOSE WHAT WE ARE

A - The fundamentals of a parable:

One of the dangers of reading a parable is when we begin to assign a lot of metaphorical, or allegorical, meanings to them. \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Have you ever read through a parable and began to see modern parallels? List some of them here, then go back and examine that parable again and ask yourself if the people Jesus was speaking to would have had the same thoughts. If not, what do you think they would have connected it with? \_\_\_\_\_

The basic meaning behind this parable is found in the common nature of salt, and light. Neither, can be anything other than what they are. Salt will never be pepper, and light will never be dark... The only real change that can be made to either is their intensity. \_\_\_\_\_

B - While I was thinking about this section I could feel the Lord asking me a simple question... What are you? \_\_\_\_\_

**John 13:34-35** <sup>34</sup> *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*<sup>(NASB)</sup>

