



CALLED TO BE
Different

Salt, Light & Fulfilled Law

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Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.... For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Salt was extremely valuable. Salt preserves. Salt flavors. Salt creates thirst.

Light is extremely important. Light exposes. Light protects. Light brings hope.

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

"If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth." 1 John 1:6

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:5

We called to be different in the world, but there is a natural temptation to avoid standing out as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets

- Jesus fulfilled all the promises about the Messiah
- Jesus perfectly kept the letter and spirit of the Law
- Jesus fulfilled the requirements for justice required by the law
- Jesus established a new covenant relationship with God and people as promised in the scriptures.

"The day is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah... And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." Jeremiah 31:31,34

*"**But now** apart from the law the **righteousness of God** has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This **righteousness** is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... God **presented** Christ as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through the shedding of his blood... So we are **made right with God through faith** and not by obeying the law."* Romans 3:21-28

Questions: Are you tempted to hide your "difference"? When? Where? Why? What do you think Jesus meant that we "let our light shine before others"? Do you think the world is becoming a darker place? What is our responsibility?