# SALT & LIGHT PT.2 HOW TO BE SALT AND LIGHT

**QUESTION:** What do you see as your priorities?

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THAT WITH EACH STEP OF GROWTH IN LIFE OUR PRIORITIES CHANGE... OR AT LEAST THEY OUGHT TO.

MY REAL QUESTION FOR YOU THIS MORNING IS, HAVE YOUR PRIORITIES ALIGNED WITH GOD'S?

DO YOUR PRIORITIES ALIGN WITH GOD'S MORE THAN THEY DO YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS ARE ISSUES?

**MARK 16:14-20** 

**ACTS 1:6-11** 

WE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD BUT OF THE KINGDOM... BUT WE MUST LIVE IN THIS WORLD, WHY? BECAUSE WE ARE TO BE JESUS ON THE EARTH!

TRUTH: God's people, His Church, should be a people of HOPE.

THE PROBLEM IS OUR PRIORITIES DO NOT ALWAYS ALIGN WITH HIS, AND I PUT MY WANTS OVER HIS DESIRES....

## **MATT 5:1-16**

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

## **THIS WEEK:**

**HOW TO BE SALT AND LIGHT** 

THE #1 PURPOSE OF BEING SALT AND LIGHT IS FOR EVANGELISM

TRUTH: ALL BELIEVERS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN SOME WAY IN EVANGELISM

**DEFINITION:** Evangelism means preaching, announcing, or ANY FORM OF communicating the gospel (the good news of Jesus), our salvation.

from the Greek words <u>euaggelion</u> — a good message, or gospel — and <u>euaggelizo</u> — to announce, declare, bring, or preach this good news.

#### **DOES EVANGILSM SCARE YOU?**

**TRUTH:** There is a difference between someone who sits in the office gift of an Evangelist and other Christians. All are responsible for sharing the gospel, but some are gifted and called to a special anointing (blessing) for the task. This does not change the fact that we all have a responsibility.

**TRUTH:** Evangelism happens in many different forms. It often does not require a microphone, but it does require a willing vessel to be used by God.

**TRUTH:** Evangelism CAN BE going door to door, preaching, sharing your testimony, living an "out loud" Christian life, using media, or simply inviting people (including sharing that God loves them).

## 2 COR 5:11-15

FEAR: 5401. Phobos: 2 uses: terror/alarm but also reference and respect!

**KEY:** REMEMBER THERE IS NO "COOKIE CUTTER" WAY TO MINISTER BUT IT SHOULD ALWAYS INCLUDE "SALT & LIGHT"

**SALT: TELLS THE TRUTH!** 

**LIGHT: TELLS OF THE GRACE!** 

#### HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE EXPRESSION...

"YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE IT DRINK"

**UNLESS! "YOU SALT THE OATS"** 

**JOHN 1:17** 

**Charles Spurgeon's Outline for Evangelism:** 

"Three R's": ruin, redemption, and regeneration.

**RUIN:** This is the problem... man has failed God. All have sinned. The penalty for sin is death. (Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10; Romans 6:23)

**REDEMPTION:** This is the solution... God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to pay our price. He died for our sins and rose again, defeating death, hell, and the grave. (John 3:16-17; 2 Cor 5:21; John 3:36)

**REGENERATION:** This is how to receive the solution... Amit, you're a sinner; believe that Jesus Christ came, died, and rose again; confess that He is now your Lord; repent (turn away from sin), and live for Him (trusting His grace), and then you are a brand-new creation! Encourage them to find a Bible-believing church! (1 John 1:7; Romans 10:9; Ephesians 2:8; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Cor 5:17)

## 3 KEYS TO MAKE EVANGELISM SLIGHTLY LESS DIFFICULT:

- 1. APPEAL TO THEIR FEAR OF DEATH
- 2. APPEAL TO THEIR CONSCIENCE (MISERABLE LIFE)
- 3. APPEAL TO THEIR NEED

#### THE #1 WAY TO MAKE EVANGELISM EASY:

#### BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

**ACTS 1:2-11** 

**THE WORD POWER:** Strong's #1411: dunamis (pronounced doo'-nam-is)

Dunamis represents the kind of power that is an inherent force. It flows from a person to give them the ability to do supernatural things, like miracles or morally excellent acts.

ACTS 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-41

HE CONTINUES ON PREACHING THE GOSPEL, EXPLAINING TO THEM ABOUT HOW JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD...

HERE'S THE SOLUTION THAT JESUS CHRIST PUT IN PLACE:

- -HE PROVIDES POWER
- -HE SENT US A HELPER
- -THAT POWER COMES UPON US WHEN WE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HELPER WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

907. baptizó: literally to dip under, to sink, to submerge, From a derivative of bapto; to immerse, submerge; to make whelmed (i.e. Fully wet)

THIS IS ALSO CALLED BEING "FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"

## **ACTS 2:4**

4137. pléroó: satiated, satiated, to supply to excess. Fill and disburse throughout one's soul, COMPLETE

**HOW THE EARLY CHURCH PRAYED:** 

**ACTS 4:29-31** 

Paul Tells of His Conversion:

**ACTS 26:12-18** 

**GOD'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN THIS TIME:** 

# **SOULS**

#### FROM THEGOSPELCOALITION.ORG:

- 55.3 million people die each year.
- 151,600 people die each day.
- 6,316 people die each hour.
- 105 people die each minute.

#### Ultimately, the death rate is 1:1.

More than 2.7-2.9 billion people live in "unreached" people groups in some of the hardest-to-reach areas of the world. This means each minute, each hour, each day tens of thousands die without any real access to the message that would save them from hell and save them for God's love.

ALL GOD ASKS IS THAT YOU SHINE YOUR LIGHT. & THAT YOU STAY SALTY