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**14** "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

**15** 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. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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# **A. We Called to be SALT of the world**

# **Salt commonly used for:**

- **to season food**
- **to preserve food**

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should retain their potency  
while in the world.**

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**CHRISTIAN**  
**~~CHRIST-IAN~~**

**“IAN” = “I Am Nothing.”**

***The worldly Christian is in the world and the godly Christian is in the church.***

**- Both are of no use**

- *The worldly Christian must be in the church but the godly Christian in the world.*
- **Salt must be applied so that it serves its purpose.**
- *The Christians in the church is like the salt in the salt shaker.*

**2. As salt, the Christians should retain their principles while in the world**

- **Salt must not be allowed to compromise with water or other chemical**
- **The Christians cannot compromise their principles and conform to the world**

# **B. We Called to be LIGHT of the World**

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# **1. Positively illuminating a sin-darkened world**

# **Two kinds of darkness.**

***a. Hopelessness and despair.***

***b. Evil.***



**2. Negatively warning against a life that does not lead others to glorify the Father.**

***The life of a Christian must be  
visible but not showy***

***When tempted to show, hide;  
When tempted to hide, show.***

**Motive of a visible life is God glorifying not self-promoting.**

***Witnessing includes not just words but deeds as well.***

***“There can be no such thing as secret discipleship, for either the secrecy destroys the discipleship, or the discipleship destroys the secrecy.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)***

# Three Things Attract People to Christ

## *1. Authenticity in a Christian*

***Christians are to **be** good news  
before they **share** the good news.***

## **2. Compassion expressed by the Christian**

***The non-Christians don't care how much we know until they know how much we care.***

## **3. Sacrifice of a Christian**

# Ultimate Reason for being Salt and Light

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (5:16)*

# **Johann Sebastian Bach**

***S.D.G. -“Soli Deo Gloria”***

***“To God only be the glory”***



***We can't separate message  
from lifestyle.***

## Review:

**A. We are called to be SALT of the earth**

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