

“Arise and Shine”!

^{GWN} **Matthew 5:13** *"You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, how will it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people.*

14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

15 *No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand. Then its light shines on everyone in the house.*

16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Salt does three major things: It Sanctifies, Seasons and Saves, if not Jesus says it's good for nothing and will be trampled by people!

Sanctifies without salt the oceans would become filled with **rotting flesh** that corrupts the whole earth.

Salt water provides almost half of the oxygen on the planet and **cleanses the atmosphere.**

John 17:17 *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

We are **sanctified** by The Word of God and in turn cleanse the earth!

Joh 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

We are made **clean and holy** by God's Word, it cleanses us from **sin, sickness, disease** and separates us from **worldliness.**

When the quarantine was over in Egypt everyone came out of their houses as unified mixed-multitude and a mighty army they marched to freedom and victory over Pharaohs army!

When they walked through the threshold of their houses that had been covered with blood, they came through a spiritual womb were sanctified and born again!

Seasonsoning greatly improves the flavor of food.

Col 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Words or speech **seasoned with salt** are conversations that are easy to hear, receive and believe.

Every person can't be reached using the same conversation!

Psalm 37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Salt comes from the wisdom of The **Holy Ghost** who helps us use wise, compelling words to convince people of God's righteousness.

We make the gospel look good, sound good and taste good when we can communicate it beautifully before others in word & deed!

Saves salt **preserves** meat until it can be digested!

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved** blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Preserved means "**to be attended to careful**"!

Paul prays each believer remains **blameless** or **free from fault or defect** and totally **preserved** until The Return of The LORD.

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God's people are **kept, guarded, and shielded** by the **dunamis** (**strength, might and ability**) of God **through faith!**

We must believe in God's power in order to be protected by it!

Please hear and understand:

Our inheritance is ready and prepared for us, but its glories will not be revealed until The Last Days.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Cor 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

God is trying to get the church to look at things which are eternal (His Glory) and stop making temporary earthly things our focus!

God is ready to reveal His Glory!

Jesus says every candle is placed on a candlestick or a lamp stand to elevate the light, so it covers more space and brightens the whole room.

People **never** light a candle and cover it up, that defeats the purpose of lighting the candle.

We have been saved and baptized with The Holy Ghost and fire to give light to the world and reveal who God is!

In The Book of Revelation Jesus stands in the middle of **7 golden candlesticks or lamp stands**.

Jesus tells us in **Rev 1:20** the **7 stars** are the **7 angels, messengers, or pastors!** The **7 golden candlesticks** are the **7 churches**.

God places people in **churches**, the churches are **lampstands** that elevates the people and sends light to cover areas in the cities with The Light of The glorious gospel of Jesus Christ!

Notice the **lampstands/candlesticks** surrounded Jesus, their light comes from Jesus and brings attention to Him who stands in the middle.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Jesus tells the church of **Ephesus** to repent, remember the love they had for God when they **first got saved** and **let their light was turned on!**

Remember when you first got saved, you told everybody you ran into about Jesus, your light was shining so bright.

Remember when you first got saved, people couldn't keep you out of church, you loved worship, The Word and the fellowship.

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Jesus said if we **don't repent** and **fall in love with Jesus again** and let out light shine, He will come and remove **our candlestick** (the church)!

- **The lampstand is the church were the light shines from!**

The **Gates of Hell** cannot prevail against the church, **but** Jesus The Head of the church can remove **pastors and churches** from cities!

Notice God doesn't put out the candles, nor does He judge the cities, He blames the **churches for not being light!**

The brighter we shine the more of Jesus is seen and the more God's glory is revealed!

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Come on Church *“Arise and Shine” for thy light has come and the glory of The Lord is risen upon Thee.”*

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

For 8 months we've been prayerful and careful, now it's time to be bold and courageous!

If people are bold and courageous enough to gather to play games, the church should be bold and courageous enough to worship together!