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### SALT AND LIGHT, SUGAR AND SWORD

Being SALT to the world...is not being sugar to the world.

Jesus tells us plainly in Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

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

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see YOUR good works and give glory to YOUR Father who is in heaven.

SALT Jesus speaks of is the Greek word Halas which in His day was used like a signature on a contract to ratify agreements. Salt is defined as...

1) salt with which food is seasoned and sacrifices are sprinkled

2) salt is a symbol of lasting concord, because it protects food from putrefaction and preserves it unchanged, so in the solemn ratification of compacts, the orientals were, and are to this day, partakers of salt together.

Jesus links Salt and Light together. Salt is to protect and preserve His compact (covenant) with all mankind. Light is to be shined on our good works done in God's name so men can see them and give Glory to God, seeing we do them to honor God, not ourselves.

Salt and Light... the purpose is to bring Glory to God. Being sugar is not the same. His words were not sugar, but salt, so I strive to be Salt. His deeds were Light to bring glory to the Father, so I strive to be Light to bring glory to the Father through my Deeds, not sugar. He came to confront evil everywhere HE found it, so I want to confront evil everywhere I find it. He came not to bring peace, but a sword (Matthew 10:34) so I strive to take up my sword as well.

Disciples of Jesus Christ are Salt and Light, bringing and swinging a Sword against evil...no sugar in it.

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