

# I AM HOPE

How to Be \_\_\_\_\_ in A \_\_\_\_\_ World

Matt. 5:13; Selected Scriptures

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1. You've been \_\_\_\_\_ by The LORD and to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 5:13 (ESV)** – “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 trampled under people’s feet.”

A. You are to be a person of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. You are to be a person who \_\_\_\_\_.

C. You are to be a person who adds \_\_\_\_\_ to make the world \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 9:50 (ESV)** - Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**Colossians 4:6 (ESV)** - Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ make a difference  
\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)** - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Acts 1:8 (ESV)** - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Ephesians 4:29 (ETRV)** - When you talk, don't say anything bad. But say the good things that people need—whatever will help them grow stronger. Then what you say will be a blessing to those who hear you.

3. You must commit to doing \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ while you have the \_\_\_\_\_.

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**John 9:4 (NLT)** - We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV)** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**James 2:19-26 (NLT)** - You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. <sup>20</sup> How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. <sup>23</sup> And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. <sup>26</sup> Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

## Questions to Consider

1. Do you know anyone who has talents, gifts or skills they are not using to their full capacity? Explain.
2. How do you feel when you see someone not living up to his or her full potential?
3. Who is a person who has encouraged you to be the best you can possibly be?
4. What sort of effect does salt have on food?
5. What are some of the signs that indicate the world around us is decaying?
6. What did Jesus mean when He called His followers salt?
7. What specific behaviors should be present in your life as a "salt of the earth" Christian?
8. How can you make your being the "salt of the earth" ineffective?
9. Do you think it's important for you to have positive influence on the world? Explain
10. What are three things you can do this week to have a positive influence on the people God has placed in your life?