

## **Hot off the Press!!!**

**Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT) -** <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Matthew 5:13-16, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The topic of today's didactic sermon is “Hot off the Press!!!”

An idiom is defined as the choice of words and the way they are combined that is characteristic of a language. The idiom "hot off the press" originates from the early 20th-century newspaper industry and refers to the literal warmth of printed pages that were still hot from the [\*hot metal printing process\*](#) used to create them, which involved molten lead. This literal heat signified that the news was the most current and fresh, giving rise to the phrase's modern metaphorical use for anything that is new, relevant, exciting, and recently released. ***Hot off the Press...***

Earlier in Chapter 5 of Matthew, Jesus delivers the message commonly referred to as the beatitudes. Then the Lord speaks about the blessings of God in the midst of persecution. Have you ever been persecuted? Have you ever been falsely accused, lied on, or been betrayed? Christ shares, “*God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you ,and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. He instructs you to be happy about it! In fact, be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. Keep in mind, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.*” (Matt. 5:11-12) ***Hot off the Press Y'all.***

***You are the salt of the earth.*** Christ pours out the same revelation knowledge in the text that He is sharing in your life today. Yes, you

may go through some trials, persecution, betrayal, and shortcomings, but I need you to understand that there is a purpose or a reason as to why you are here and that is because you are the salt of the earth. **Hot off the Press.** You're here to be the salt (seasoning) that allows others to see Christ in you. Have you ever tasted butter beans with no seasoning? Oh, my goodness. No flavor and they're ready to be thrown in the garbage, but if they're salted with ham, smoked turkey neck, or a little bit of back... Oh, my Lord. It changes everything. So, the Word says if the salt doesn't do what it's supposed to do, which is season... it's worthless and should be thrown out. Tell somebody, "I am the salt of the earth". **Hot off the Press.**

**You are the light of the world.** My brothers and sisters... Smile and you'll see others smile. Dance and you'll see others dance. Show love and others will show love. If you refuse to fellowship with others, others will not be drawn to fellowship with you, but there is a purpose for your life. The purpose is that you are called to be a light in this world. You are the light of the world. God is not a quietly kept secret. He wants you to make a public announcement. This means that the light in you will draw others to Christ. The Lord will set you on a hill. Hill denotes that God will put you in places so that you can share Him with others. The Apostle Paul shared "*My beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.* (Phil 2:12-13) **You are the light of the world. Hot off the Press.**

**Salt & Light.** The Lord wants you to be salt and light. I read that salt makes things better and light makes things brighter. You have a calling on your life to make things better for others. Yes, you have a drawing power, and you are a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

In closing, whoever wants to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Him. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. (Luke 9:23-24). **Hot off the Press.** You have a Purpose. You are the Salt of the Earth & Light of the World. *Romans 10:9-10, states that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and*

*believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Season and illuminate because you have a high calling and God gets the glory. Tell your family, tell your friends, tell the world.*  
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