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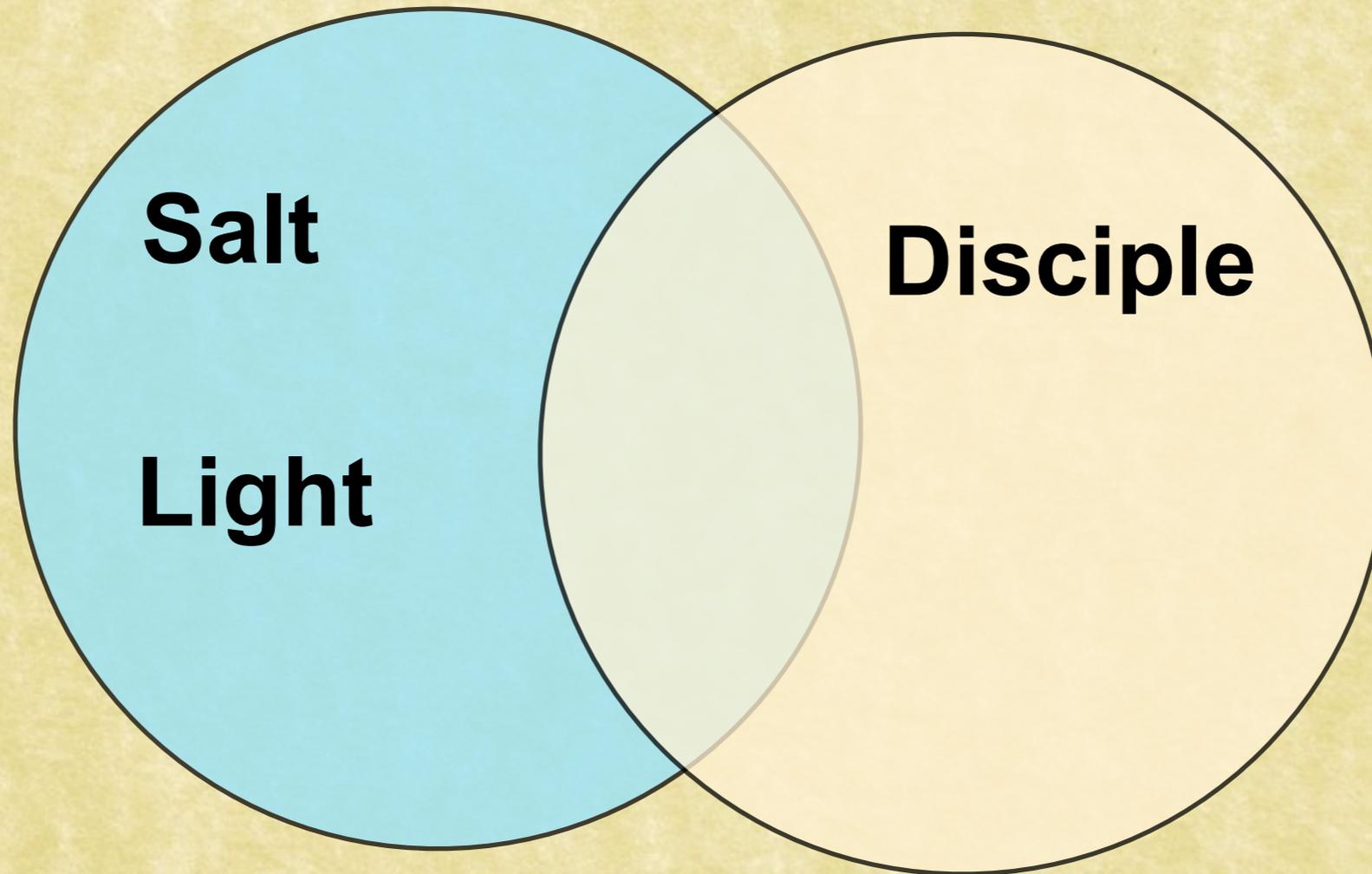
JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Light of the World

Matthew 5:13–16

Matt. 5:13, “You are the salt of [for] the earth [land]; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.” NKJV

Metaphor = an implied comparison



Matt. 5:14, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matt. 5:15, “Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matt. 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

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GOD IS LIGHT

Psa. 4:6, “There are many who say, ‘Who will show us any good?’ LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.”

Psa. 104:2, “Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.”

GOD IS LIGHT

1 John 1:5, “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

Light has an ethical value.

Light = holiness, righteousness, the absence of sin, evil, darkness.

JESUS IS LIGHT

John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5, “And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

JESUS IS LIGHT

John 1:8, “He [John the Baptist] was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

John 1:9, “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”

JESUS IS LIGHT

John 3:19, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20, “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”

JESUS IS LIGHT

John 3:21, “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

John 8:12, “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ ” (John 9:5; 11:9; 12:35)

2 Cor. 4:6, “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

OLD TESTAMENT USE: RIGHTEOUS, JUSTICE

2 Sam. 23:3, “The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: ‘He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.

2 Sam. 23:4, “ ‘And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.’ ”

OLD TESTAMENT USE: RIGHTEOUS, JUSTICE

**Psa. 37:6, “He shall bring forth your
righteousness as the light, And your justice
as the noonday.”**

OLD TESTAMENT USE: GUIDANCE, ILLUMINATION

Neh. 9:12, “Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy pillar, and by night with a pillar of fire, to give them light on the road which they should travel.” (cf., Neh. 9:19)

OLD TESTAMENT USE: ILLUMINATION

Psa. 18:28, “For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.”



OLD TESTAMENT USE: ILLUMINATION

Psa. 43:3, “Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.”

Psa. 112:4, “Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.”



OLD TESTAMENT USE: ILLUMINATION

**Psa. 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.”**

**Psa. 119:130, “The entrance of Your words
gives light; It gives understanding to the
simple.”**



OLD TESTAMENT USE: LIGHT AND THE MESSIAH

Isa. 42:6, “I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles,”

Isa. 49:6, “Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

Isa. 60:3, “The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”

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“City on a hill”

- **Highly visible**
- **Prominent**
- **Safety**
- **“Hope and direction for weary travelers”**



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LIGHT AND RIGHTEOUS WORKS

Job 30:26, “But when I looked for good, evil came to me; and when I waited for light, then came darkness.”

Isa. 58:8, “Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.”

LIGHT AND RIGHTEOUS WORKS

Rom. 13:12, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Eph. 5:9, “(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),”

Phil. 2:12, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

Phil. 2:13, “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

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ONE

Justification

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

PHASE

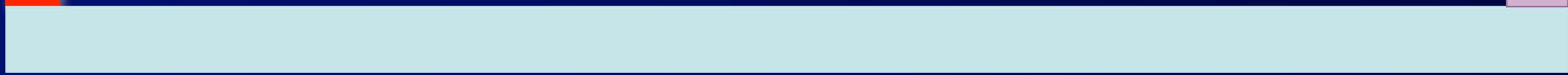
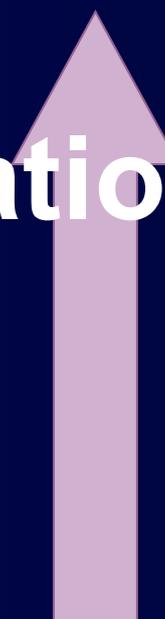
THREE

Glorification

*Saved from
Penalty of Sin*

*Saved from
Power of Sin*

*Saved from
Presence of
Sin*



Phil. 2:14, “Do all things without complaining and disputing,

Phil. 2:15, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Phil. 2:16, “[by] holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”