

## Matthew 11 – Salt, Light, Persecution and Praise

### Matthew 5:10-16

*Fallen Condition Focus (FCF):* We tend to be ingrown in our spiritual lives instead of living as salt and light

#### Point 1 – Call to be salt and light

##### You are the salt of the earth

- It gives flavor and is considered a sign of a blessed life
- It causes thirst
- Salt was primarily used as a preservative

##### You are the light of the world

- Light symbolizes knowledge
- Light symbolizes holiness
- Light symbolizes joy

#### Point 2 – The Danger of unsalty salt and hidden lights

- Unsalty salt
- Hidden lights

#### Point 3 – Expected Results

- The Bible says that if we live righteously in an unrighteous world we should expect
  - Persecution
  - Hatred
  - Slander
- But positive side - **Matthew 5:16** 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.