

Kailua Christian Church  
Sunday, February 5, 2023  
“Being the Salt and Light of the World”  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20  
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Theme: What discipleship calls us to be as Christians.

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**Salt and Light**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**The Law and the Prophets**

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,<sup>[a]</sup> not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks<sup>[b]</sup> one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Outline of Matthew 5:13-20**

1. You are the salt of the earth.
  - Too salty
  - Not salty enough
  - A call for humility and tolerance
  
2. You are the light of the world
  - Light is a symbol of illumination in which we see:
    - Children of light and children of darkness
    - Help others to see
  - If we hide our light no one will know how we can enrichen lives around us
  
3. Story that illustrates humility, tolerance and illumination that was recently shared by Bud Bowles.