

The Commission of the People of the Kingdom of Heaven

Main Bible Verse:

(Matthew 5:13-16) ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Prayers for the Kingdom Commission:

- Monthly Church Fasting and Prayer will be held every last Saturday after Morning Prayer. We encourage brothers and sisters to attend the Morning Prayer at 8:30 and join us for the Fasting and Prayer afterwards.
Date of Fasting and Prayer in August: 8/25.

Summary:

1 Peter 2:9 | Matthew 5:13-16

- v(1 Peter 2:9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
- The life of God’s People.
 - Be the salt.
 - Be the light.
 - This is the blessing of God’s people, our kingdom commission.

Colossians 4:6 | James 3:2 | Jude 1:20 | Galatians 2:14 | 2 Kings 2:20-21 | Luke 13:7

- The property and function of salt:
 1. Seasoning
 - v(Colossians 4:6) Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.
 - As the people of God, we must be careful of the words of our lips.
 - We must speak the word of peace.

- Let our conversation always be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that we may know how to answer everyone.
- v(James 3:2) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.
 - Speak the truth of the gospel.

2. Preservation

- v(Jude 1:20) But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,
 - To preserve is to build ourselves up in the most holy faith.
 - Let the Spirit of truth be our counselor.
- v(Galatians 2:14) When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?
 - Paul only spoke the word of truth.

3. Cleansing and Healing

- Help people return to God with the power of the gospel.
- With the power of the gospel, men could be healed and turned away from their wicked ways.
- v(2 Kings 2:20-21) "Bring me a new bowl," he said, "and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. ²¹ Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, "This is what the Lord says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.'"
 - The water was undrinkable, but Elisha was able to use salt to heal the water.

4. Hidden

- Salt needs to be dissolved to reveal its work.
- God wants us to hide ourselves.
 - Only testify for the power of the gospel.
 - Only manifest the glory of God.
- Influence people with the life of Christ manifested in us.
 - Deny ourselves.

5. Purity

- Pure salt never loses its flavor.
- Pure salt has no impurities.
- When salt is compromised (contains chemical impurities), it loses its saltiness.
- As people of God, we must rid ourselves of all ungodly thoughts (our impurities).
- Only when we rid ourselves of anything ungodly in us, we will be able to live a life that glorifies God.
- Salt cannot be separated from its saltiness.
 - If salt loses its saltiness, salt is not salt anymore, it becomes a functionless grain, good for nothing.
 - The saltiness is the power of the gospel manifested in God's people.
 - Therefore, church must not lose the truth of the gospel.
 - Without the truth of the gospel, church loses its purpose on earth.
 - If God's people fall away from the word of God, the Holy Spirit will not dwell in us.

- We will no longer be able to become a blessing to others.
- v(Luke 13:7) So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'
 - God want us to be a blessing to those around us.
 - Not just someone who uses up the soil.

Exodus 10:23 | Ephesians 5:8-10 | Exodus 34:28-29 |

- We are the light of the world.
 - Light is to be put on its stand.
 - When the light is on its stand, it gives light to everyone in the house.
 - Therefore, we must let our light shine before others, and they will give glory to our heavenly Father.
- The property of light.
 1. Shines in the darkness.
 - All things that were hidden in the darkness will be revealed when the light shines upon them.
 - When the spirit of a person lives in darkness, they will:
 - Not be able to see their own sins.
 - Not be able to realize the danger in front of them.
 - Head toward their own destruction.
 - Let our deeds be light shine upon those around us.
 2. Governs the day we live in
 - If there is no light when we work, walk, or eat, we will easily go astray or put on halt.
 - Hazardous situations often occur in the darkness.
 - The commission of God's people is through the true light of the gospel, shine in the darkness of people's heart.
 - People will realize that to live in the grace of God is better than live in our own wicked ways.
 3. Gives heat
 - Warm people's heart with the love of God.
 4. Gives life
 - Without light, living creature will go extinct.
 - When the Israelites were exiting Egypt, God let the plague of darkness fall upon Egypt.
 - God's people need the light of Jesus to help people around us to receive life.
 - To have the light of Jesus in us, we must walk in the light.
 - v(Ephesians 5:8-10) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.
 - Children of light must depart from the darkness.
 - Children of light must clothe themselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - What does it mean to clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - To be drawn closer to the true light (Jesus Christ).
 - Let ourselves be like a mirror of Jesus Christ, then we will be able to walk in the light of Jesus.

- After Moses spent 40 days with God, his face was radiant.
- Let God's people's light shine.
 - Before one could radiant, he must go through the flames.
 - To go through the flame, is to deny oneself, take up the cross, and follow Jesus.
 - This means 100% submitting ourselves to God. (Fall before Jesus)
 - We must deny ourselves and let the Holy Spirit empower us to overcome our own selfish desires.
 - To go through flames:
 - Put our time, energy, and all that we have before God.
 - We must have a joyful heart and persevere in hardships, attacks, and slandering.
 - This is an essential process for us to be purified.
 - Golden lampstands: church.
 - The golden lampstands are fueled with olive oil.
 - Olive oil was produced by pressing the olives.
 - Once the olive is pressed, its oil will be able to be used as fuel to light up the lampstands.
- 1. Walk in the light
 - We must be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - We will be empowered to joyfully deny ourselves.
 - With a joyful attitude when we deny ourselves, we will be able to radiant.
 - When we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will walk in the light.
- 2. To go through the flame
 - Deny ourselves and pray for others.
 - Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - Pray for our church.
 - Pray for the work of our church.
- 3. The position of the light: On the lampstand.
 - Let your light be a blessing to those around you.
 - Do not put your light under the bowl.
 - Under the bowl, the light will be put out.
 - Do not put ourselves in a situation where our light will be put out = Avoids evil.
 - Do not let our action be one that walks in the darkness.
- 4. Let our light shine before others.
 - We are the light.
 - This light is not only our good deed.
 - But let our action manifest God's word.
 - Lift up the name of Jesus.
 - Lift up Jesus' gospel.
 - Lift up the wonderful works of God.
 - Do not be ashamed of the gospel for God is good.
 - Depart from the darkness in us and let our action glorify God.

- Let those around us witness His glory.
- A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
 - Everyone could see the action of God's people.
 - It cannot be hidden.
 - A town is a collection of buildings.
 - A church should be a collection of God's people's good deeds.
 - Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- When you trust in God. He will heal you.
 - God will heal your marriage.
 - God will set your children free.
 - God will heal your family.
 - God will heal your spirit, body, and soul.
 - God will fill your life with His grace.
- When we truly know how good our God is. Our lips will be filled with praise.
 - Wherever we go, we give thanks to God and praise His name.
 - Wherever we go, we will be the salt, and be the light.
 - Let God's joy fill our heart and let our life glorify God.

Chángcháng xǐlè xiàng zhǔ gāogē
bùlùn huánjìng rúhé
gāoshān huò dīngǔ zhǔ dōu kàngù
xiāngxìn jiù néng méng fú

Chángcháng dǎogào nàixīn dēnghòu
zhǔ zuòshì yǒu dìngshí
liúlèi sā zhǒng bì huānhū shōugē
xiāngxìn jiù yǒu xǐlè

Chorus

Xiàchuí de shǒu zài yīcì jǔ qǐlái

fēngbì de xīn zài yīcì chǎngkāi

pāo kāi yīqiè yōulù

fàngxià yīqiè zhòngdàn

lái dào zhǔ de miànqián

wǒ xǐlè mǎnhuái

bīnglěng de xīn bèi zhǔ ài lái wēnnuǎn

gān kě de líng bèi zhǔ ài chōngmǎn

zhǔ shì wǒ de lìliàng

zhǔ shì wǒ de gāotái

sǐ yīn yōugǔ yīlù yǒu yēsū péibàn

tā yǒng bù líkāi

Xiàng yàbólánhǎn xiàn shàng yǐ sā
wǒ shēngmìng zhì'ài dū xiàn gěi nǐ
suǒyǒu yīqiè dōu shì nǐ de shǎngcì
nǐ pèi dé wǒ xiàn shàng quán suǒyǒu

Chorus

Wǒ quánrán xiàn shàng
wǒ quánrán xiángfú
zhào nǐ zhǐyì bù zhào wǒ de
gēnsuí nǐ shì wǒ de xǐlè
wǒ quánrán xiàn shàng
wǒ quánrán xiángfú
zài měi yītiān měi gè xuǎnzé
wǒ dū shuō wǒ xīn zūn zhǔ wéi dà

Bridge

Shí jià jiù zài qiántou shìjiè jiù zài hòutou
wǒ xuǎnzé yēsū gēnsuí bù huítóu

Nǐ ài duì wǒ jiāndìng bù yí
gǎnxiè nǐ ēndiǎn hé liánmǐn
yǒu shǒu gē cóng wǒ xīn shēng
qǐ zhǐ xiǎng dāndān jìng bài nǐ

Chorus

Yēsū wǒ ài nǐ (x2)
zǒuguò rénshēng sìjì
nǐ ài yǒng bù zhǐxī
yēsū wǒ ài nǐ (x3)
tīng wǒ quán xīn hū qiú
nǐ yīngxǔ dōu jiāndìng
yēsū wǒ ài nǐ

Chorus

Jesus, I Love You (x2)

Though the seasons may change

Still Your love will remain

Jesus, I Love You (x3)

Hear the cry of my heart

Know every word is true

Jesus, I Love You

Yuànzǔ de ēnhuì cí'ài yǔ nǐ tóng zài
yuànzǔ de líng shí shí wéirào
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ
ēndiǎn jiàngxià cì fú yǔ nǐ
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

Chorus

Cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ
cì fú yǔ nǐ cì fú yǔ nǐ
píng'ān xǐlè tiāntiān chōngmǎn nǐ

Rejoice Always

Music & Lyrics:
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Always rejoice, sing praise to Him.
Rejoice in ev'rything
Mountains or valleys, He's in control.
Praise Him and just believe.
Pray all the time, wait for His time.
Trust Him and you will see.
Soon all the sorrow will turn to joy.
His joy you will receive.

Chorus

Oh lift up your hands to Him in praise.
Open up your heart to Him again.
Cast away the worries, cast away the burdens,
come before the Lord with a heart full of faith.
Let Him trade your sadness for His gladness.
Let Him fill your thirsty soul with joy.
He will be your tower, He will be your strength,
even in the valley He'll stay by your side,
He'll stay by your side.

Just like Abraham offered Isaac
I bring You my heart completely
All that I have is a gift from You
You alone are worthy of my praise

Chorus

This is my offering
I will surrender my everything
Your will be done, in my life
I'll follow You, Lord

This is my offering
I will surrender in every way
And every day, I will say,
“Have Your way in me”

Bridge

The cross is there before me
The world is now behind me
I will follow You, never turning back

Thanks for Your stubborn love for me
Just grace and mercy that I see
From my heart comes a simple song
With desire I will sing

Chorus

Jesus, I Love You (x2)

Though the seasons may change
Still Your love will remain

Jesus, I Love You (x3)

Hear the cry of my heart
Know every word is true

Jesus, I Love You

May Father's love and His grace be with you

May Holy Spirit cover you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Chorus

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you

Grace upon grace, granted to you

May His peace and joy flow over you