

## **Bible Study Series: "Not So With You" (lesson 13) Kingdom Realities Pt. 2**

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- **Jesus announced the coming of the Kingdom!**

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 4:17

- **Jesus teaches God's Kingdom virtues (the Beatitudes):**

The NEW Kingdom's definition of blessing!

**As I have pondered this list of Blessings, a couple of realities became apparent to me:**

1. **Followers of Jesus are dwelling in hostile territory**

(Persecuted, Peace-seeking, Justice Advocating, Humble, Mourning)

2. **The lifestyle of Christ-Followers will be the embodiment of these "Blessed Behaviors"**

**The Beatitudes are not only the Values but also the Virtues of the Kingdom!**

Values = those things which are deemed important, non-negotiable

Virtues = behavior which naturally flows from that which is within us.

### **Jesus follows the Beatitudes with two metaphors that will help us to illustrate the Embodiment of Kingdom Values and Virtues**

"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.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the **light of the world**. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:13-14

- **Salt isn't Salt if it isn't \_\_\_\_\_!**

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1. **Kingdom people ARE what they DO!**

2. **Kingdom people FAIL when they PRETEND to be Kingdom people but really aren't!**

"This is the message **we have heard from him and declare to you:** God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>**If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.** <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7

- **Light, unimpeded will be \_\_\_\_\_!**

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### **EMBODYING the Kingdom Way means:**

1. **People we are around will notice a difference in us from those of the Culture we live.**

2. **In response to the way we live our lives, people will "Glorify God".**

"They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

<sup>24</sup>And they **glorified God because of me.**" Galatians 1:23-24