

Matthew 5; The New Way

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The New Way

Matthew 5:13 (ESV)

You are the salt of the earth.

Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

You are the light of the world.

Hook – Salt and light helps us understand dynamic and purpose of our life in this world.

Salt – Preservative – not domination

Light – Illumination – not domination

Jesus introduced something so radically different, it was just called “the Way”!

Acts 9:2 (ESV)

Paul wanted to arrest people belonging to the Way!

Acts 24:22 (ESV)

Felix, the Roman governor had knowledge of the Way!

The only way to **identify the movement was through an **inner transformation** that reflected the love and power of God. People who were salt and light!**

Look #1 Jesus **fulfilled** the Old, and established the New, The New Way!

Jesus fulfilled the OT; the Old Way!

Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

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Colossians 2:14 (ESV)

(Forgiven) by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, **nailling it to the cross.**

CROSS OVERHEAD

Jesus fulfilled the OT where it failed.

Matthew 5:20 (ESV)

For I tell you, unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become **the righteousness of God** in Him. **(Righteousness of God exceeds human effort)**

CROSS OVERHEAD

Look #2 Jesus, The New Way, brought Inner Transformation and Power to overcome!

Luke 17:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, **“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,**
²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, **the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”**

NT CLEARLY REVEALS INNER TRANSFORMATION!

CHAINS OVERHEAD

2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (ESV) (No Overhead)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Look #3 How do we **receive** transformation and empowering! Bottom line, the question; How do we receive [the person] of the Holy Spirit? **Ask!!!**

Luke 11:13 (ESV)

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will the heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit [the Person] to those who ask him!**

Asking is crucial to be empowered and serve in the **New Way of the Spirit [the Person]!**

Romans 7:6 (ESV)

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that **we serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

New Way; The Cross and the Holy Spirit are central!!

Galatians 3:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—— ¹⁴ ... so that we might receive the promised Spirit [Person] through faith.

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SPIRIT OVERHEAD

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This morning let us make a decision! A decision for the Holy Spirit so we can be transformed and empowered! ASK!!!

A decision for the Holy Spirit so we can be: A vessel of Transformation and Power: ASK!!!

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME!!!! MINISTRY TIME!!!!

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!