## SHORT ANSWERS AUBSINONS

OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

#### Big Questions

- Week 1: How do I know God exists and created all things?
- Week 2: Who is Jesus and why is He the only Way to God?
- Week 3: How do I know the Bible is the inspired, trustworthy Word of God?
- Week 4: How does man's free will and God's sovereignty coexist?
- Week 5: If God is good, why is there sin and suffering in the world?
- Week 6: What does God's Word say about current social issues?
- Week 7: What does it look like for me to be salt and light in the world?
- Week 8: How do I communicate the Gospel to people far from God?

#### **Movement Statement of Faith**

#### Christian & Missionary Alliance

To proclaim the truth of God's Word by emphasizing the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and the imminent return of the Lord Jesus.

To evangelize and disciple persons throughout the United States and around the world, incorporate them into Christ-centered, community-focused congregations, and mobilize them in a missionary effort designed to plant Great Commission churches among both unreached and responsive peoples worldwide.

**C&MA Links:** 

Statement of Faith
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### Salt & Light Key Passage

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matt. 5:13-16 (NLT), also Luke 14:34-35 (NLT)



# Pop quiz Which country has over 4,000 unique salt varieties?

1. Norway

2. Italy

3. Israel

4. Japan

#### Pop quiz

The number one use of salt in the U.S. is:

- 1. In the chemical industry
- 2. On Food

3. De-icing streets

4. In agriculture and food preparation

#### Pop quiz

Salt was once so valuable that it was traded ounce-for-ounce with:

1. Olive oil

2. Gold

3. Chocolate

4. A dozen White Castle sliders





It's only effective when it comes in contact with another substance.

#### Salt as seasoning

- Permeates and transforms food to provide flavor.
- Salt brings out the flavor of other ingredients.
- Salt tenderizes and softens things.

#### Salt as preservative







Salting food to preserve it inhibits the growth of bacteria and mold.

#### Salt as disinfectant

- It disinfects wounds.
- It can function as an antiseptic.
- It stings.



#### Salty speech

"Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

Colossians 4:5-6 (RSV)

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- Wisely—Know when and how to speak.
- Timely—Use every opportunity that comes your way.
- Graciously—Accommodating and kind, but not at the expense of truth.

#### Can salt lose its saltiness?

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?"

Matthew 5:13 (NLT)

- It can become contaminated by being mixed with impurities.
- It can become diluted.

### Salt For reflection...

Out of the salt shaker

Are we:

Creating thirst for God?
Neutralizing bitterness?
Flavoring and seasoning?
Permeating and transforming?
Disinfecting and purifying?
Inhibiting moral decay?



### Light Pop Quiz #1

### The most efficient light in the world comes from:

- 1. The sun's rays
- 2. Candles
- 3. LED bulbs
- 4. Fireflies

### Light Pop Quiz #2

### A lighted candle can be seen with the naked eye from a distance of:

- 1. 1.7 miles
- 2. 630 feet
- 3. 100 feet
- 4. 2600 feet (1/2 of a mile)

### **Light**Pop Quiz #3

#### Light travels faster than:

- 1. The Millenium Falcon
- 2. Sound waves
- 3. Anything else in the universe
- 4. The pizza deliveryman

### **Light**What is Spiritual Darkness?

"Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy."

Romans 13:13 (NLT)

"Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him." Ephesians 4:18 (NLT)

"Anyone whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes."

1 John 2:11 (ESV)

### **Light**What is the Source of Divine Light?

"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'"

John 8:12 (NLT)

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 9:5 (ESV)

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark."

John 12:46 (NLT)

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature." Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)

### **Light**How Does God's Light Transform Us?

"God has made this light shine in our hearts."

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)

"The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts."

Proverbs 20:27 (ESV)

"The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand."

Psalm 119:130 (NLT)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

### **Light**How Does God's Light Transform Us?

God's Light Exposes Sin

God's Light Purifies Heart/Mind

God's Light Conforms Us to His Image

#### Light

How Does God's Light Reflect Through Us?

"I will make you a light to the Gentiles."

Isaiah 49:6 (NLT)

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14 (ESV)

"So, live as people of light!"

Ephesians 5:8 (NLT)

### Light

How Does God's Light Reflect Through Us?

Maximizing Our Visibility

Becoming Gospel-Centered

Improving Our Engagement Skills

### Light Personal Assessment

- On a scale of 1-10, how strong and pure is your light?
- On a scale of 1-10, how visible is your light?
- What obscures your light?
- What steps can you take to improve the strength and visibility of your light?

### Salt & Light Summary and Reflection

Be Salt & Light in Our Dark World

Be Holy, Distinct from the World

Rely on the Holy Spirit

