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previous messages preached on 10-16-16 & 08-30-20)
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Being Salt & Light in a Hostile & Divided Culture (during an election year)

1. Embracing the Salt & Light Metaphor

- "You" are the salt of the earth

- "You" are the light of the world

2. Applying the Salt & Light Metaphor

- Be "prophetic from the center" – *(quote taken from NT Scholar D.A. Carson)*
proclaiming the good news of Christ as we confront sin & stand against evil

- Pray, give thanks & rejoice – as we lament & repent

- Be humbly unified & holistic – not self-righteously divided & tribalistic
(see also "Where We Stand in the EFCA: Denials & Affirmations")

- Speak the truth in love to power –
without idolizing or demonizing America (or people, groups, etc.)
(see also "Six Principles of Non-Violence" by MLK Jr.)

- Vote in light of God's sovereignty, your convictions & your conscience –
and don't overlook candidates who have no chance to win

- Exemplify Christ-centered civility –
with listening ears, captivating joy & kingdom-empowered hope