

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"Salt and Light"
Matthew 5:13-16
Part-16

Matthew 5-7 The Sermon on The Mount. This sermon was preached during Jesus Galilean Ministry. He is addressing the sermon to disciples, His followers.

Matt 5:3-12 Christian Character

Matt 5:13-16 Christian Influence

How Do We as Believers View this World?

1. The world is basically good, and will become better and better.
2. The world is basically rotten, and the Christian must retreat to the monastery, or hide away in the church.

Jesus' View of the World:

1. The World Needs a Preservative Because it is Spoiling
2. The World is in The Dark, the Christian is Light:
 - John 3:19

We will look at 2 examples of influence:

1. Verse – 13 Salt Of The Earth
2. Verses – 14-16 Light Of The World

1. Verse – 13 Salt Of The Earth:

- Matt 5:13

You are the salt of the earth: "You" is in the emphatic, lit. "You and you alone are the salt of the earth."

- Ex 19:3-6

You are follows the Beatitudes

- 2 Tim. 3:14

Salt – In Roman times was valued that Roman Soldiers were given rations of salt and would revolt if it was changed. English word **salary** - "Salt Money" we use the phrase "The man is not worth his salt"

5 Thoughts About Salt

1. Salt is Preservative:

Gen 3 a perfect world began to rot because of sin.

Gen 19 God could not bring His judgment upon Sodom because of Lot's presence in the city.

2. It Purifies

3. Salt Provides Flavor:

- Col 4:5-6

4. Salt Makes us Thirsty:

- John 7:37-38

5. Salt is a Common Substance:

- 1 Cor. 1:26-31

Did you notice that Jesus doesn't say you should be salt, or become like salt. Rather, he says you are salt.

- 2 Thess 2:7

Let me suggest 2 possible meanings:

1. Salt Was Made For a Purpose: Jesus said "But IF the salt become tasteless, how will it be made salty again?"

- Matt 5:15

2. Salt Was Not Refined:

- Luke 14:34-35

2. Verses – 14-16 Light Of The World:

- Matt 5:14

You are the light of the world - "You" (emphatic) "You alone are the light of the world"

- John 8:12
- Romans 1:20-25
- Matt 6:23
- Matt 5:15

Do we have a basket over your light?

Where is your lampstand? Your Station?

And it gives light to all who are in the house The purpose of light is to reveal things as they really are.

1. Light Promotes Growth
2. Shines Sacrificially
3. Shines where it is placed

- Acts 4:17-22
- Matt 5:16

good works - works motivated by love, energized by the Spirit, and done to the glory of God.

- Matt 6:1
- Ps 115:1
- Matt 13:43

Application:

Stop decay -

Give light -