

You Are...

Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction: In Matthew 5 Jesus said there are three things we as Christians are to be.

I. Salt (vs. 13)

A. Why Salt?

- 1. Salt inhibits the growth of bacteria and thus preserves food and other materials.**
- 2. We can inhibit, or prevent, sin and disobedience by our very presence.**
- 3. Example - Daniel 6:25-37**

B. Warning for salt

- 1. Salt can lose its saltiness and become useless through overexposure.**
- 2. WE can lose our "saltiness" by overexposure to sin and disobedience.**
- 3. Example - Judges 2:10-13**

II. Light (vs. 14)

A. Why and What light?

- 1. Christ's light shining through us. John 8:12**
- 2. Reveals evil deeds - John 3:19-21**

B. Warning about being light

- 1. Light is useless if it is underexposed (hidden)**
- 2. Our light must shine if we are to be of any use to the world.**

III. An example.

A. to the world

- 1. Deuteronomy 4:4-5**
- 2. personal example**

B. to our Christian brothers and sisters

- 1. example - I Tim. 4:12, Titus 2:7, I Peter 5:2-3,**
- 2. encourage - I Thess. 4:18, II Tim. 4:2, Hebrews 3:13**

Conclusion: Everything we do should praise him: our offerings, our music, our prayers and our lives. Go forth, my brothers and sisters. Be salt to the earth. Be light to the world. And praise Him with all your being.