

**Salt and Light**  
Matthew 5:13-16  
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**Introduction:**

1. We have a God that is light, His Son, Jesus, is light, and thus as Christians we have a responsibility to shine as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sadly, many Christians fail to fulfill their \_\_\_\_\_ as God's light bearers.
3. How many obey the gospel, but like to keep one foot in the way of darkness?
4. As those who wear the name of \_\_\_\_\_, we are commanded to be the lights of this world.

**I. A consideration of the text.**

- A. How Christ's disciples are to \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Those disciples were to become or be "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth" (13).
  1. Disciples, as salt, act as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the larger whole.
  2. Applying this to the greater whole of Christians, how are we the salt of the earth?
    - a. Christians \_\_\_\_\_ the life of Christ in the earth.
    - b. Christians are the means by which the truth of the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation is made known so that the world might be preserved.
  3. Salt in the Old Testament.
    - a. Leviticus 2:13 – meat offerings were seasoned with salt.
    - b. Numbers 18:19 – Covenant of salt.
  4. The Old Testament concept presented in the New Testament (Mark 9:49-50).
  5. As Christians we should have that teaching that will preserve us, and cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ one another and be at peace.
- C. The disciples, as the salt, are necessary in any age for the preservation of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us the kind of light He wants us to be.
- E. To be a light we must...
  1. To be a light we must...follow \_\_\_\_\_ and our example ought to bear witness (1 Peter 3:1-2, 15-17).
  2. To be a light we must...realize we have the \_\_\_\_\_ within our hands to heal man of his sins (Romans 1:16).
  3. To be a light we must...let it \_\_\_\_\_ from us and those in darkness will follow Christ.
  4. To be a light we must...\_\_\_\_\_ no matter what comes our way.

**II. Christians are important to the world.**

- A. There are no unimportant parts in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, thus all are needed that it might function properly (1 Corinthians 12:4-27).
  1. God has set each member in the body "just as He pleased" (18).
  2. Thus, the body does not function properly when someone is not fulfilling their responsibility.
- B. All Christians are \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. The young Christian – has energy and zeal, their influence can be great on their peers in the world.

2. The middle-age Christian – they are often to the church because they often are in positions of leadership and teach Bible classes; they represent the working class and serve as lights to those in the workforce, their children, and their children’s schools.
  3. The golden-age Christians – they are valuable because of their wisdom and knowledge that needs to be shared with the younger generations and to the world because they are great examples and often well-respected.
- C. Christians are the lower \_\_\_\_\_ that lead the lost to the Lighthouse (Christ).

**III. Being the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world” is more than “\_\_\_\_\_.”**

- A. What is influence?
- B. How can I influence others?
  1. I can influence others by the things I \_\_\_\_\_ (James 3:9-10).
  2. I can influence others by the things I \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 1:27).
  3. I can influence others by my \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:34-35).
  4. I can influence others by my faith, my godly living, my spirit toward others, etc.
- C. However, being the “light of the world” is \_\_\_\_\_ than influence.
- D. Look at Philippians 2:14-17.

**IV. “Light” and “good works” are things that \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

- A. The Christian life should bring glory to God’s name (Colossians 3:17).
- B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ as “lights of the world” is aptly stated in Ephesians 2:10.
- C. The good works we are to be involved in are benevolence, edification, and evangelism.

**V. How Christians are putting their light “under a \_\_\_\_\_.”**

- A. “This Little Light of Mine.”
- B. Is the Lord’s church \_\_\_\_\_?

**Conclusion:**

1. The Lord’s church must be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world!”
2. Perhaps it is time for the church in many areas throughout this land to take the “bushel” off their light, and let it shine once again.
3. No one can put out the light as long as we remain faithful to God.
4. Let your light so shine that others may see Christ in you!