

## CHRISTIAN...? (4) SALT and LIGHT

### **Matthew 5:1-16...**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds - he went up on a mountainside and sat down.  
His **disciples** came to him... 2 and he began to teach them. He said...

3 Blessed are the **poor in spirit**... for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

4 Blessed are those who **mourn**... for they will be **comforted**.

5 Blessed are the **meek** for they will **inherit the earth**.

6 Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**... for they will be **filled**.

7 Blessed are the **merciful**... for they will be **shown mercy**.

8 Blessed are the **pure in heart**... for they will **see God**.

9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**... for they will be called **children of God**.

10 Blessed are those **who are persecuted because of righteousness**...  
for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

11 Blessed are you **when people insult you - persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me**. 12 **Rejoice and be glad**... because **great is your reward in heaven**... for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 You are the **SALT** of the earth.

A PRESERVATIVE...

A **SUBSTANCE (Salt)** added to Food to prevent **DECOMPOSITION**  
due to a **Chemical Change** or **Bacterial Action**.

**YOU... ARE THE PRESERVATIVE... FOR THE ENTIRE EARTH!**

**IF YOU DON'T PRESERVE... THE EARTH ROT!**

**IF YOU DON'T PRESERVE... CULTURE STINKS!**

**IF YOU DON'T PRESERVE... THINGS GO IN A VERY-VERY-VERY BAD WAY!**

**“YOU HAVE NO STANDING... BUT...  
YOU ARE THE LAST STAND!”**

The reason **THEY** don't **SEE** the **World** the way that **YOU SEE** the **World**... is because you have  
been **TAUGHT** and now **BELIEVE**... to **SEE** the **World**... the way that you **SEE** it!

14a You are the **LIGHT** of the world.

14b... A **CITY** built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Jesus was saying...

**“YOU ARE LIKE A STRATEGICALLY PLACED CITY!”**

Jesus said...

**“IF YOU’RE MY FOLLOWER... YOU’RE A LIGHT... AND YOU HAVE BEEN STRATEGICALLY PLACED... WHERE... YOU... ARE!”**

*Verse 15... Neither do people LIGHT a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand - and it gives LIGHT to everyone in the house.*

*Verse 16... In the same way... let your LIGHT shine before others...*

*...so that they may see your good Church Attendance and say...  
“Dang! He’s a Good Christian!”*

*Verse 16... In the same way... let your LIGHT shine before others... that they may see your good deeds and GLORIFY your Father in heaven.*

*I want you to live your life in such a way...*

**“That when people see YOU... THEY... SEE... ME!”**

**DON’T SETTLE FOR “CHRISTIAN!”**

**BE SALT! ~ BE LIGHT!**