


SALT & LIGHT



Matthew 5:13-16

What's Happening?



- Sermon on the mount
 - The Beatitudes
 - The Beatitudes are very odd to the world but normal in the Christian life
 - Jesus encourages us to use these character traits
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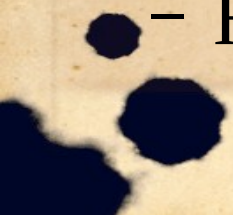
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- Salt was used as a preservative
 - The world around us is decaying and rotting, we are the salt that can hinder its decay as long as we retain our saltiness
 - How do we act as salt in the world?
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- We are to shine the light of Christ into the darkness
 - John 8:12
 - 1 John 1:5
 - Our good works done in the name of Christ will impact our world
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Effects of Being Salt and Light

- A. Evil will be restrained
 - There will always be evil in the world but we can restrain it by being salt and light
- B. God will be glorified
 - **16. In the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven**
 - Matthew 6:1-2

Walk in Light



- We might, at times, be in darkness ourselves
 - Walking in light isn't just about being good; it's bringing your darkness to Jesus
 - We might be lazy
 - We might be tempted to compromise
 - We might be afraid
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NOW WHAT?

Sweep through the world as salt and
light, and make a difference

