

CONSPICUOUS CHRISTIANITY

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus indicates that Christianity and Christians should be conspicuous.

Christians should ...

I. PENETRATE THE EARTH (13)

A. THE CHRISTIAN AS SALT

1. Demonstration
 - We are the salt: Not we have the salt
2. Permeation
 - Salt penetrates and permeates all that it comes into contact with
3. Application
 - Salting the earth

B. THE CHARACTER OF SALT

1. It Promotes Flavor - See Matt. 5:3-12
2. It Preserves Freshness - Note II Thess. 2:6-19
3. It Produces Thirst - Consider Acts 16:29-30

C. THE CONTAMINATION OF SALT

1. A Tasteless Salt
2. A Troubling Situation

D. THE CASTAWAY SALT

1. The Truth: It is good for nothing
2. The Toss: Cast it out
3. The Trampling: Worthless salt was thrown into the roadway

Christians should ...

II. **ILLUMINATE THE WORLD** (14-16)

A. THE CHRISTIAN AS LIGHT (14-15)

1. The Personnel: You
2. The Property: Light
3. The People: The World

B. THE CHARACTER OF LIGHT

1. It is Prominent (14b)
2. It is Productive

C. THE COMMAND FOR LIGHT (16)

1. Be Visible
2. Be Virtuous

D. THE CONVERSION THROUGH LIGHT

- Others will then be glorifying your heavenly Father
1. The Attention: Those who observe you will be directed and devoted to God
 2. The Affect: He will be saved and glorify God.

CONCLUSION:

Observations:

1. Salt and light both work in silence
 - You don't have to call attention to them
2. Salt and light both work in small quantities
 - You don't have to dump it on them to be obedient

Questions:

1. Is your salt distinctive?
2. Is your light dynamic?

Are you practicing conspicuous Christianity?