

# Series: The Sermon On The Mount, #4 Matthew 5:13-16 Pastor Lyle L. Wahl June 6, 2021

Theme: Believers Are Salt And Light In This World.

# The Great Privilege.

- 1. Christians are salt. (5:13; see also Ezra 4:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 2. Christians are light. (5:14; see also Isaiah 42:6; 59:6)

### The Active Process.

- 1. Contact with the source. (13-14; see also John 15:5; Acts 1:8)
- 2. Contact with the world. (15-16)

# The SeriosProblem.

1. Salt can become contaminated, or lose its saltiness. (13; see also Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:13; 1 Timothy 6:7; James 1:27)

2. Light can be hidden. (14-15)

## The Key Purpose.

"Glorify your Father who is in heaven." (5:16; see also 1 Peter 2:12)

### In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday**. Jesus tells us Christians are the salt of the earth. What are some of the uses and effects of salt? What does your being *salt* in this world mean? Start with the general principles, and then move to specifics you see.

**Tuesday.** Jesus tells us Christians are the light of the world. Light reveals things. What do Christians reveal in the dark world of sin? As you did yesterday, begin with general principles, and then move to specifics you see.

**Wednesday.** The process of being useful, effective salt and light includes both contact with the Source — Jesus — and the world. Abiding in Christ (*see also* John 15:5) and contact with the world without contamination are essential. What's the state of your fellowship with God and contact with the world today?

**Thursday.** Salt that is contaminated or not salty is useless for its intended purpose. A light that is turned on, but covered up, is useless for its purpose. Spend time with God exploring and testing the quality of yourself as salt and light.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at *Radical Righteousness* from 5:17-20 as we continue this series in the Sermon on the Mount. Read and think through these verses in preparation for our time together