

# Second Baptist Church

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## Making A Difference In the World

Matthew 5:13-16

In the beatitudes, Jesus describes the character traits of Christians who live in His  
S\_\_\_\_\_ within the larger culture.

Jesus moves from talking about the Christian's character to the Christian's  
I\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

Incredible enough, Jesus referred to a handful of Palestinian peasants as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world."

The basic truth, which lies behind these metaphors, is that the church and the world are distinct communities.

### I. The Salt of the Earth (v 13)

#### A. The A\_\_\_\_\_

This means that that each community is true to itself; therefore, the world  
D\_\_\_\_\_ like R\_\_\_\_\_ fish or meat.

#### B. The C\_\_\_\_\_ (v 13b)

##### 1. The salt must be S\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' reference to salt is more than likely the salt that was on the shores of the  
D\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_; when water constantly washed over the  
ground, the salt was sometimes washed out to sea and what was left was  
W\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_.

If Christians are going to help the world, they must be salty. (Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34-35; Col. 4:6)

##### 2. The salt must come in C\_\_\_\_\_ with the world (1 Cor. 5:10; 7:13-16)

## II. The Light of the World

### A. Our Identification

#### 1. We Are D\_\_\_\_\_ (v 14a)

These words of the Master imply that the world is in D\_\_\_\_\_ ; it's L\_\_\_\_\_ and can't find its W\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. We Are R\_\_\_\_\_

When you and I let our lights shine by living right, it's not really our light, but it's the S\_\_\_\_\_ light shining through us. (Gal. 2:20)

### B. Our I\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus goes on to suggest that as lights in a dark world, it is important that our lights are S\_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1. The world ought to see us

#### 2. Our C\_\_\_\_\_ ought to see us (v 14b)

#### 3. Our F\_\_\_\_\_ ought to see us (v 15)

### C. Our I\_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Should Not Be to Glorify O\_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Should Be to Glorify G\_\_\_\_\_ (v 16b)