

# *The Purpose and Power of Salt and Light*

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5:13-16

## **INTRODUCTION**

## **TWO UNDENIABLE CONCLUSIONS**

## **TWO STATEMENTS OF FACTS**

1. You are the salt of the earth.

a. What did Jesus mean when He said: *“You are the salt of the earth.”*

b. How are followers of Jesus like salt on the earth? We have three crucial roles:

#1. We are of great value to our world. – 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

#2. We are adding flavor to our world. – 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

#3. We are a moral preservative to our world. – Genesis 6:14-16

2. You are the light of the world.

a. What did Jesus mean when He said: *“You are the light of the world.”*

It is a metaphor of holiness – 1 John 1:5-8

It speaks of God’s presence – John 1:4-5

It speaks of our true witness of the gospel – Philippians 2:15

b. How are followers of Jesus like light to the world

#1 – A great compliment – John 8:12, 9:5

#2 – A great challenge – Ephesians 5:8-16

## **TWO COMMON SENSE OBSERVATIONS**

1. Salt that isn’t salty is useless

2. A light that is hidden is useless