

# The Sermon On The Mount

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Influence of The Kingdom of  
Heaven On The World  
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## Introduction

- The Beatitudes reveal the character of kingdom citizens that pleases God but is hated by the world
- Although persecuted for Christ's sake, we are to rejoice in righteous living
- As we do this, we are to positively influence the world, even those who persecute us for our faith
- Jesus describes our influence on the world with two figures, salt and light <sub>3</sub>

## Introduction

- If we live righteously and rejoice, we can influence even those hostile to the gospel and to us, to obey it
- If we fail to live righteously or rejoice in doing so, we will not have the influence on the world to help them be saved
- Danger today is the world has more of a negative influence on Christians than we are having a positive influence on the world <sub>4</sub>

## You Are The Salt of The Earth

Mat 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

## You Are The Salt of The Earth

- Medically speaking, salt (sodium) is needed for several bodily functions
- Regarding food, salt provides flavor making it more delightful to the taste
- Also, salt often is used as a preservative to keep food from decaying

## You Are The Salt of The Earth

- Christians provide flavoring for the world by living righteous lives and seeking to save the lost through the gospel
- The only reason the world is still standing is because there is enough spiritual salt in it
- If we lose our flavor, stop living a righteous life, we do not help enhance the world for the lost or for God

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## You Are The Salt of The Earth

Col 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

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## Salt (Righteousness) Needed To Preserve The World

Gen 18:23 Abraham came near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

Gen 18:24 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed sweep *it* away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?"

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## Salt (Righteousness) Needed To Preserve The World

Gen 18:25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are *treated* alike. Far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?"

Gen 18:26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account."

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## Salt (Righteousness) Needed To Preserve The World

Gen 18:32 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy *it* on account of the ten."

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## Beware The Salt Losing Its Flavor (Righteousness)

Eph 5:3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;

Eph 5:4 and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

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## Beware The Salt Losing Its Flavor (Righteousness)

Eph 5:5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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## You Are The Light of The World

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

Mat 5:15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Mat 5:16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

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## You Are The Light of The World

- Without light, we would have no life on the earth and no means of safely navigating through darkness
- Spiritually speaking, Jesus is the Light of the world, perfectly reflecting the truth and glory of God to the world
- Through obedience to His Word, Christians are to be light, reflecting God's truth and glory to the world, those hostile toward the light

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## You Are The Light of The World

- The purpose is not only to save ourselves but to influence the world, who see our good works, to glorify and eventually obey God
- If our light is hidden or corrupted in some way, we become a part of darkness (sin)
- We neither glorify God in our lives nor influence others to do so

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## Jesus Is The Light of The World

Joh 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

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## Why Is The World Hostile Toward Light

Joh 3:19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Joh 3:20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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## Why Is The World Hostile Toward Light

Joh 3:21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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## You Are The Light of The World

Php 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

Php 2:15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

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## You Are The Light of The World

Php 2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

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## You Are The Light of The World

1Pe 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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## You Are The Light of The World

1Pe 2:10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

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## You Are The Light of The World

1Pe 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

1Pe 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Rom 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the* law.

Rom 13:11 *Do* this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

Eph 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Eph 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Eph 5:12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

Eph 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Eph 5:14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

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## Beware of A Dim Light

Eph 5:15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Eph 5:16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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