
SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE
MATTHEW 5:13-16

Sermon On The Mount: Salt and Light
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One Thing:

- **Don't compromise or hide your new identity in Christ!**

Gospel Thinking:

1. Truths about the word

- a. The world is in a state of deterioration

“We live in a world that constantly tends toward decay. Some of the Christ-less structures of the world may look okay, but inside they are rotting away, and it is just a matter of time before they fall” – Kent Hughes

Matthew 23:27 – Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness

- b. The world is in darkness

1 John 1:5 – God is light, and in him is no darkness at all

Colossians 1:13 – He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son

Matthew 25:30 – And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth

- Not only is the world covered in darkness, but people have embraced and loved that darkness

John 3:19 – And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than light because their works were evil

2. Truths about the believer

- a. We are to live as the salt of the earth

- b. We are to live as the light of the world

- Being salt and light means that we have a responsibility to our world

“You simply must not fail the world you are called to serve. You must be what you are. You are salt, and so you must retain your saltiness and not lose your Christian tang. You are light, and so you must let your light shine and not conceal it in any way, whether by sin or by compromise, by laziness and fear.” – John Stott

- Being salt and light means that we will be both persecuted and attractive – Tim Keller

Gospel Living:

1. Don't lose your saltiness
2. Don't hide your light