

The Sermon on the Mount

Ethics for the Coming Kingdom

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A SAVORY SAVIOR OR A SHEEPISH AVERSION?

Matthew 5:13-16

The Approved (Blessed) of God evidence their faith as useful salt and light in this world.

Those Approved of God:

1. Are true believers who are to be salty, useful influencers for Christ (5:13).

- *Christian, as a salt-shaker for Christ, don't be compromised by the world's impurities. Keep Christ and the gospel your main message and mission.*
- *Your faith is not to be a private matter. Gospel transformation needs to set you apart to attract attention to Christ. Living is Christ, so point to Him.*

2. Emphatically means you, and only you, who as true believers, are the light of the world, so you cannot shine if your light is deliberately hidden (5:14-15; John 8:12; Romans 1:16).

- *When you are attacked, don't be quiet when you should speak pointing back to Christ.*
- *Where do corrupt talk, coarse jesting, conformity to the world's entertainment and fun need to change, so you are not a misleading salt-shaker?*

3. Maximize their witness for Christ, making all of life a presentation for Him (5:15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Psalm 115:1)

- *Put yourself out there where you can share the gospel. Pray for opportunities. Look for opportunities. Share the gospel everywhere you can.*
- *Share Bible studies. Offer to host an evangelistic Bible study with a co-worker, neighbor, or friend. Include gospel tracts in bills and rebates. Tip in cash and place a generous tip inside of a good gospel tract.*
- *Who are you building relationships with to witness to? Have them over for a movie, coffee, games, a holiday, etc.*