

Be Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-18

I. Blessings of Kingdom Citizen (5:1-12)

A. Entrance into Kingdom Citizenship.

1. Happiness of Spiritual Poverty - Faith in Another's spiritual wealth (v. 3).
2. Happiness of Repentant Mourning - Calling for Another's spiritual rescue (v. 4).

B. Traits of Kingdom Citizens.

1. Requirement: Gentle / Result: Have Everything (v. 5 "Happy are the humble").
2. Righteous Seekers / Happy Ending: Satisfaction (v. 6 "Happy are the hungry").
3. Merciful / Happy Ending: Receive Mercy (v. 7 "Be happy; show mercy").
4. Pure / Happy Ending - See God (v. 8).
5. Peacemaker / Happy Ending - Called Sons of God (v. 9)

C. Resistance to Kingdom Citizenship (vv. 10-12).

II. Illustrations of Kingdom Citizens (5:13-16).

A. Kingdom Citizens are the Salt of Society (5:13).

1. The Necessity of a Salty Christian (v. 13).

2. The Worthlessness of a Saltless Christian (v. 13).

B. Kingdom Citizens are the Light of the Land (5:13).

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

A. The Illustrations (v. 15-16):

1. A Town on the Hillside (v. 15).

2. A Light on the Mantle (v. 16).

B. The Application:

1. A Command

2. A Result

3. A Purpose