

“A Believer’s Influence on an Evil World”

Matthew 5:13-16

Message Title: “A Believer’s **Influence** on an Evil World”

- I. Believers **Preserve** the World (vs 13a)
- II. Believers **Stabilize** the World (vs 13a)
- III. Believers **Flavor** the World (vs 13b)

Job 6:6 “Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?”

Leviticus 2:13 “And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.”

Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

John 10:27-29 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”

Proverbs 3:1-2 “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.”

Psalms 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”

Philippians 4:8-9 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

- IV. Believers **Illuminate** the World (vs 14a)
 - a. Believers **Illuminate** the World with **Truth** (vs 14a-15)

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

- b. Believers **Illuminate** the World with **Works** (vs 16)

- V. The **Influential** Application
 - a. Measure the **Quantity** of Our Works
 - b. Measure the **Quality** of Our Works