

Matthew 5:13-16 **Christian Influence in the World**

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The Christian is the salt of the Earth. [\[Matthew 5:13\]](#)
 - ✧ The Christian is compared to the flavor salt adds to the food it is applied to.
 - ✧ If the salt loses its influence on the flavor of the food, it is useless. [\[Matthew 5:13, Luke 14:34\]](#)
 - ✧ In like manner, if a Christian ceases to be an influence on those around him, he also is worthless.
- ✚ The Christian is the light of the World. [\[Matthew 5:14, Luke 8:16-17, 11:33, Ephesians 5:8-14\]](#)
 - ✧ If the light of a lamp is hidden, it is useless.
 - ✧ In like manner, if a Christian fails to radiate light to those around him, he has not fulfilled his purpose.
 - ✧ The Christian is to stand out like a city on a hill, or a lamp on a lampstand. [\[Matthew 5:14-15\]](#)
 - ✧ The Christian's purpose is to shine the light of truth on the world of darkness, to reveal the darkness of sin, and show the light of Godliness to guide the world to God.
 - ✧ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. [\[Matthew 5:16\]](#)
 - ✧ Our lives must be so lived that others may see the beauty of godliness in us and glorify our Father in heaven for the good works they see.