

Series: Salty Saints
Message: A Saint's Purpose
Text: Matthew 5:13-16 (AM 3/11/18)

Today, we continue investigating Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Christ transitions from the iconic Beatitudes to their practical application. These are not merely poetic platitudes but profound theological truth with life transforming and world changing application. The Fully Satisfied Saint is called upon to be Christ's *Salt and Light* in our culture. Simply stated, we're to *influence and illumine* our world. Saints transformed by God's Grace should naturally bring the Joy of Jesus to a *distracted and dark* world.

I. Season your World (13) *"You are the salt of the earth"*
Influence your world for Christ

- Salty Saints are pure (5:20)
- Salty Saints permeate (5:4)
- Salty Saints preserve (5:5)

Our Peril: A salt less saint – *"But if the salt loses its flavor..."* (13)

II. Shine in the Darkness (14-16b) *"Let your light so shine before men"*
Illuminate your world for Christ

- Our Source of light (John 9:5)
- Our Stewardship of the light (14a)
- Our Strategy with the light (16a)

Our Problem: A secret saint – *"Nor do they... put it under a basket"* (15)

III. Show them the Father (16b) *"Glorify your Father in Heaven"*
Invite your world to Christ

- Seek Jesus (5:6)
- Serve Jesus (5:7)
- Share Jesus (5:13;14)

Our Passion: A satisfied Saint - *Sharing His Story & living for His Glory*

Application to life: Tragically, many Christians today are *conformed* by their world instead of being used of God to *transform* it. Today, Jesus reminds us of our unnegotiable call to *influence and illumine* the world we live in. How? Allow Christ to transform your life into His Salt and Light. His radical Joy is contagious to all who taste it and see it! You can build relationships of Hope!