

What Makes You Different?

Text: Matthew 5:13–16 (NKJV)

Main Idea: Jesus did not call His people to blend into the world but to stand apart as salt and light. The question is not whether we attend church, but whether our lives clearly reflect Christ.

Point 1: The World Lives for Itself... Christians Live for Christ

Scripture: Galatians 2:20

- The world asks, 'What's best for me?' Christ asks, 'What's best for My Kingdom?'
- Christians pursue holiness over comfort.
- Application: Is Jesus truly Lord of every area of my life?

Point 2: The World Reacts... Christians Respond

Scripture: Romans 12:17–21

- Anyone can retaliate; believers are called to forgive.
- Our greatest testimony is often our response to difficult people.
- Application: Does my response reveal Christ or my flesh?

Point 3: The World Is Comfortable in Sin... Christians Cannot Stay There

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:15–16

- Believers do not become comfortable with sin.
- Conviction leads to repentance and holiness.
- Application: Is there an area where I need to repent today?

Closing Challenge

Ask yourself: What makes me different? If people watched my life this week, would they see Jesus? Salt changes. Light shines. Followers of Christ live differently.