

CHARACTER OF A LEADER

STAYING SALTY IN A TASTELESS WORLD

Part 1

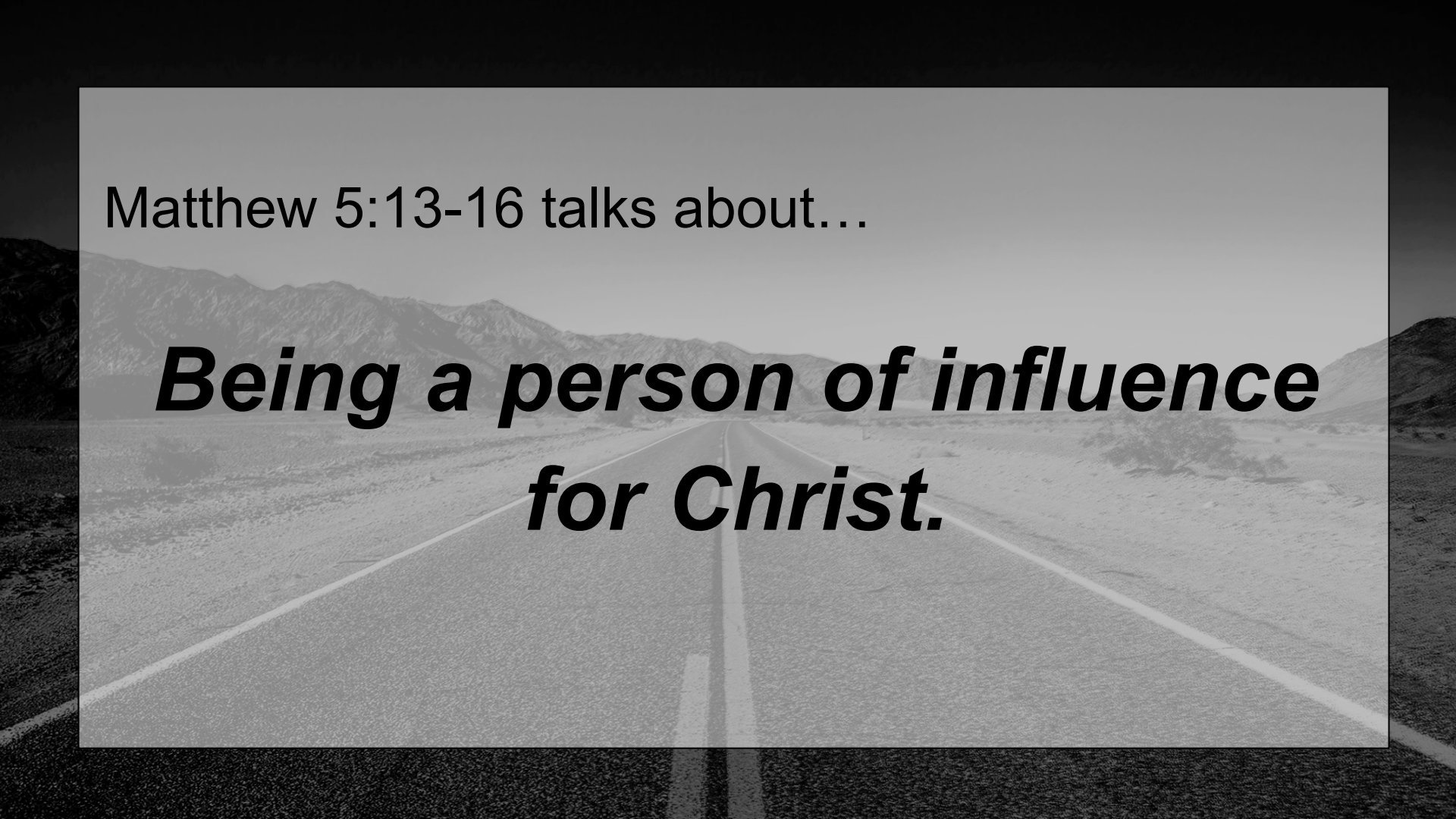


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**Are you contributing to
the problems of our
times...**

**Or are you a part of the
solution?**

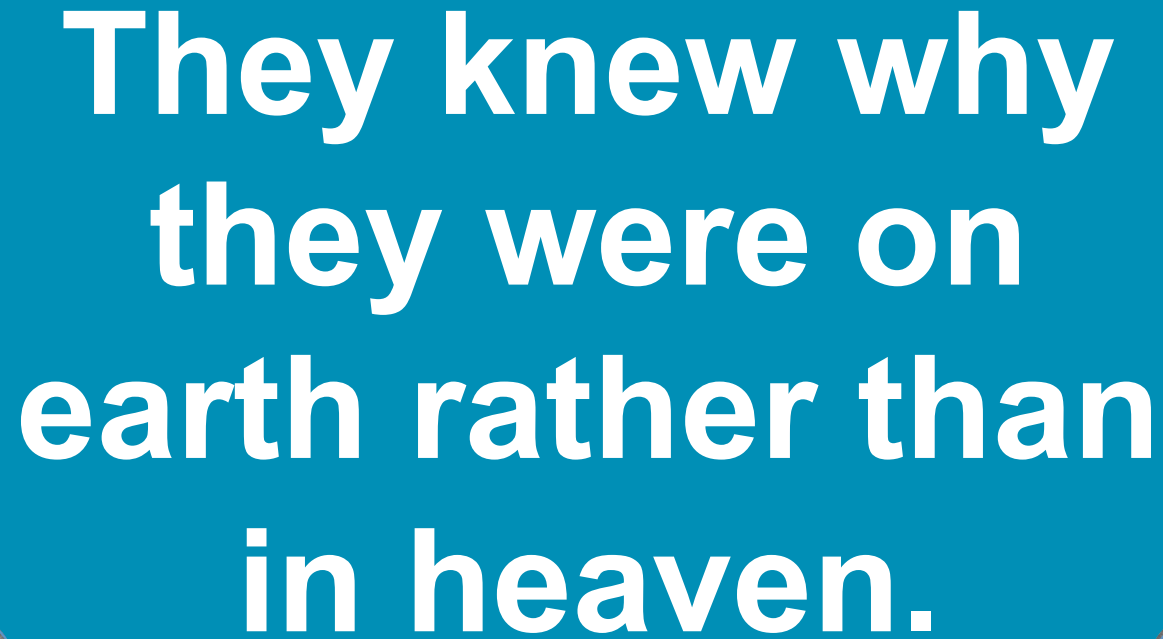


Matthew 5:13-16 talks about...

***Being a person of influence
for Christ.***

The image features a large, solid blue cross shape centered on a grayscale background. The background depicts a desert landscape with a road stretching into the distance, flanked by hills. The text is white and bold, positioned within the central negative space of the cross.

**What message do
you leave others as you
pass by?**



**They knew why
they were on
earth rather than
in heaven.**



**Christianity is having an
identity crisis!**



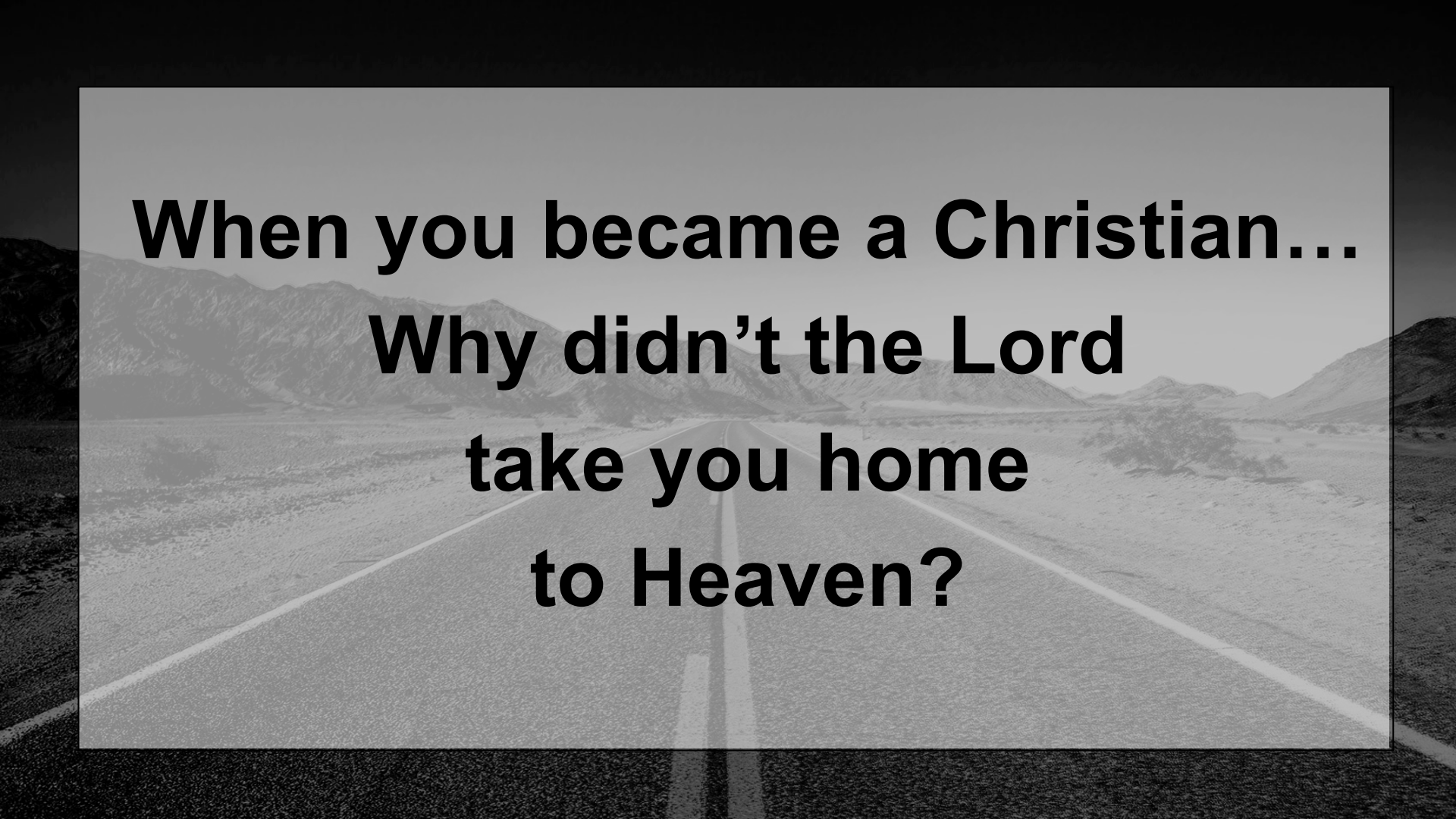
The church of 80 A.D. & 2017 have such a disparity.

Why?

We have the same **PERSON!**

We have the same **POWER!**

The **PURPOSE** is out of focus!



**When you became a Christian...
Why didn't the Lord
take you home
to Heaven?**

Why does the Lord leave us here?

- TEXT: Matthew 5:13-16
- CONTEXT: Matthew 5:1-12
Matthew 5-7

*Instructions by the KING for
subjects in the KINGDOM*



Matthew 5:1-12

CHARACTER

Matthew 5:13-16

CHARACTERISTICS

I. The Presupposition

(The world is messed up...)

A. The Biblical description of the world

1. Main Scripture

- Difficult – II Timothy 3:1-7
- Depraved – II Timothy 3:8-9
- Isaiah 53:6
- Isaiah 64:6-7
- Deceived – II Timothy 3:13

2. More Scripture

- Genesis 6:5
- Psalm 51:5
- Isaiah 1:5
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Romans 1:18-32

B. Cultural description

C. Response to the Gospel

- Romans 3

D. Optimistic humanism

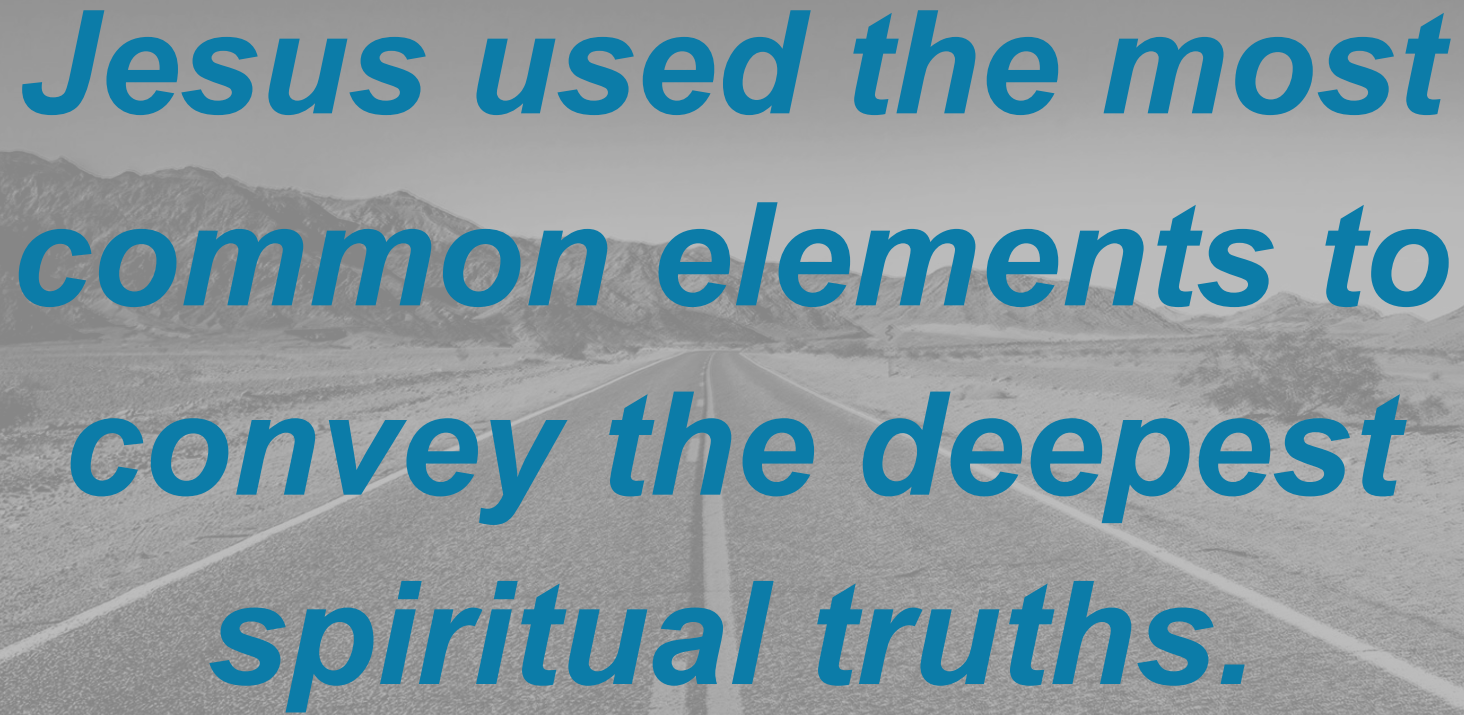
II. The Plan

- I Peter 2:9
- Matthew 5:13
 - *“You are salt...”*
 - *“You”*
 - Emphatic pronoun
 - Plural (the whole body joined together)
 - *“Are”*
 - Because Christ is in you!



Question....

**Are you a salty
Christian?**



***Jesus used the most
common elements to
convey the deepest
spiritual truths.***

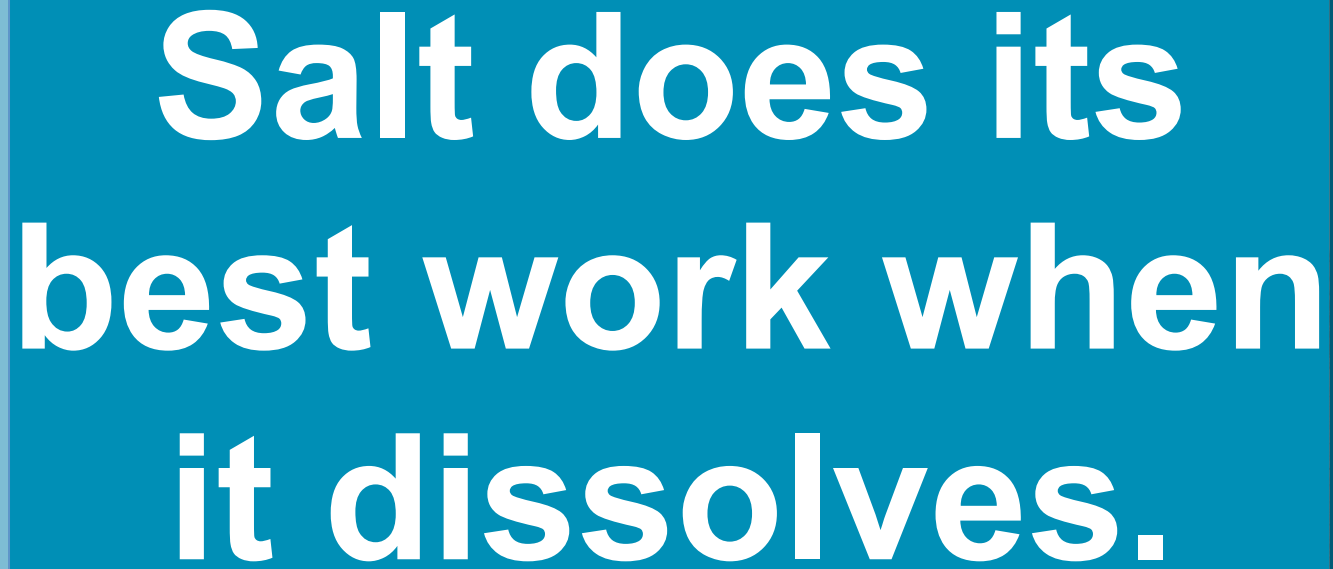
The genius of Christianity
is not the vehicle through
whom God accomplishes
His purposes...it is the
PERSON indwelling that
instrument.




SALT

A. Salt Preserves

- Salt prevented corruption...
- Be salty
 - At home
 - At work
 - In politics
 - In relationships
 - In all areas of life



**Salt does its
best work when
it dissolves.**



What keeps you from dissolving?

FEAR?

SELFISH INTERESTS?

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- Mark 4:1-20

B. Salt Purifies





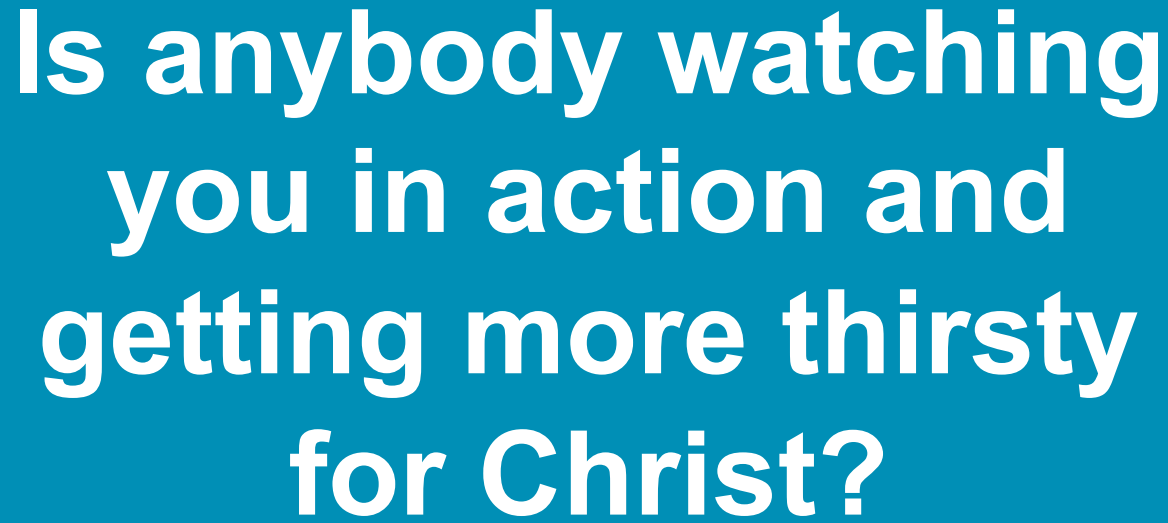
**NO SALT YIELDS
MUCH SIN**

B. Salt Purifies

C. Salt Perfects

1. Creates thirst





**Is anybody watching
you in action and
getting more thirsty
for Christ?**



B. Salt Purifies

C. Salt Perfects

1. Creates thirst
2. Enriches taste

***New Christians are only good for 2
years as far as influence on
non-Christians.***



**What do we do with
salt in the church?**



**We want or think non-
Christians are going to
come to church.**

Verse 13 -

*If you are not salty...
of what use are you?*



**If you don't function
as salt...**

**What is the purpose
of your existence?**

APPLICATION

Where could you be salt this week?

- ✓ Home
- ✓ Work
- ✓ Society

**Challenge people to consider
Christ!**



**Pagans in the early
church stayed up at
night...**

A blue 3D rectangular box with a white question. The box is centered on a grayscale background of a desert landscape with mountains and a road.

**How do we stay
salty?**