



## Christians: The Zest and Radiance to the World

Matthew 5:3-16

- 1) God's people are the zest and pizzazz of life (5:13a)
  - a) They preserve the world with their presence
  - b) They add spice to life
  - c) They create a thirst in unbelievers for Christ
  - d) They create pain with the truth
- 2) When God's people act foolishly, they lose their saltiness (5:13b)
  - a) They become diluted by the world
  - b) They act like everyone else
  - c) They become salty again through repentance
- 3) God's people radiate light to the dark world
  - a) Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12)
  - b) Jesus' people reflect Christ's light
- 4) Salty Christians...
  - a) Prevent immoral behavior
  - b) Are hard workers, funny people, good neighbors
  - c) Create a desire for others to experience Christ
  - d) Defend the faith and offend with the gospel
- 5) Light of the world Christians...
  - a) Reflect the light of Christ, living like Him
  - b) Expose the darkness
  - c) Are known by all