

HFG Questions for You Are the Salt of the Earth (Matthew 5:13)

1. How would you summarize the relationship the Church should have with the world?

2. What do you think of Martyn Lloyd-Jones' quote: "The glory of the Gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, though it may hate it at first." Have you ever personally experienced this?

3. Why does the world need "salt"? Why does the world need "light"? Has that need grown in recent years?

4. In verses 13 & 14, the "you" is in the emphatic position. What does that mean? And how should it affect the way that we view Jesus' teaching here?

5. How valuable was salt in the ancient world? Is it still valuable/necessary today?

6. Many teachers point out the various characteristics of salt that Jesus might have intended when He gave this parable. What are some of those characteristics?

7. How do you think that we as Christians can "preserve" society? Do you have a "preserving" effect on your unbelieving family, friends, and co-workers? What does that look like in practical terms?

8. Read Mat. 5:13 once again. How should we NOT understand this warning? How then should we understand this warning?

9. How can a believer's influence on this world be adulterated or diluted? (1 Cor. 5:6b)

10. How can each and every one of us practically grow in our "saltiness"? Are YOU growing in your saltiness?
