

## IDENTITY CRISIS PART II

There are many speeches in the world that one can identify with such as: Lincoln's Gettysburg address, FDR'S fire side chats, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream", Jesse Jackson's "Keep Hope Alive". But there is a sermon that every saint can identify with an that is the sermon on the mount. In this sermon Jesus made it clear as to who we were. Let's explore Matthew 5:13

**Who's he talking to?.....Ye** are the salt of the earth: Matt. 5:13

Jesus is speaking to the church, when he says "**Ye**". The church is the called out or baptized believers. We have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**What are we?.....Ye** are the **salt** of the earth: Matt. 5:13

The church is the salt of the earth. Jesus was known as the Son of Man, bread of heaven, living water. But in this passage Jesus wanted us to be known as the salt of the earth. Salt has several properties such as; preservative, flavor, and creates thirst. We live in a world that cannot exist in its present state without the church.

**Gone Back.....But** if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted : Matt. 5:13

This phrase points to a backslidden condition. This person is not interested in preserving or saving, only going backwards and not forward. Jesus said any one that looks back after having put his hands to the plough is not fit for the kingdom of heaven Luke 9:62.

**God can't use you.....It** is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men :Matt 5:13. Usually we throw away things that are no good, because they have no productive value. Jesus said If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire. John 15:6

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