

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 1, 1984**

**Salt and Light
Matthew 5:13-16
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1. The presupposition:

How are we to occupy ourselves until Jesus comes? **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**, as ambassadors for Christ, ministers of reconciliation.

1. The world is in need of the saltiness of light. **Leviticus 2:13**, with all your offering you shall offer salt, a sign of acceptability to God. **1 John 1:5-7**, God is light there is no way we can be with God in darkness. We need to see the condition of the world through Christ's eyes; needing a Savior, needing salt and light.

2. The plan:

The disciples; we are the salt and light of the world. With faith in Jesus we are acceptable to God, we are the only thing in the whole world acceptable to God.

The essence of salt and light are the outstanding ability to penetrate their environment.

Verse 16, our lives should be set apart continually doing good works. **Acts 9:36**, good works are done in the context of being Christian. **2 Corinthians 9:11-13**, because we are the followers of Christ we will do these good works.

3. The problem:

Salt can lose its saltiness and light can become hidden through our being mixed with the sin of this world.