

Sermon Title: **“YOU ARE ...”**

Matthew 5:13-16

- Inwardly, followers of Christ are drastically different, but that inward change is NOT to be kept inward only
- “You are” = as a follower of Jesus Christ, being salt & being light are Non-negotiable aspect of our lives (they’re woven into our very DNA)
  - Solely based on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ we’re EXPECTED to display that inward change outwardly
  - Jesus has “Reconciled” us to Himself (He’s restored what we broke)
  - Jesus is able & willing to restore other people’s brokenness, just like He’s done for us! (we just point them to Jesus)
- Being salt & light is NOT about doing, it’s entirely about BEING (this outward quality is who we are)
- “Inwardly, How much of our being yearns for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?”
  - NOTHING else should matter to us & ALL of our lives should be spent reflecting this burning desire deep within us
  - Being a believer means EVERY waking moment our lives are spent trying to bring as much glory to God as possible
  - Wherever we go & whatever we’re involved in should center upon bringing God (our Heavenly Father) the MOST glory
  - The moment we’ve placed our faith in Christ, we’re radically different (we ARE salt & light to the world)
- This Illustration Hopefully Hits us in TWO Ways:
  1. You Were Made by God ...
  2. Think About your Inner Value as a Child of God ... (the Holy Spirit Resides Inside you!!!)
    - Do you Recognize your inner value?
    - Ephesians 1:3-14