

Bible Study 8 – Making a difference – Matthew 5:13-16

The French culture of the 1700s was in the process of decay. And this led to France being ripped apart by the French Revolution. Just across the channel, the English culture had the same rot. Historians have described at length the moral corruption of English culture. And yet, England did not go through a revolution. Why? Why was it spared? Was it their Navy? Was it their suave diplomats? Their politicians? Their police force? No. The country was spared, largely because of the spiritual revival (called the Great Awakening) from the preaching of John Wesley and George Whitfield.

The context	After Jesus was baptised by John and tested by Satan, He went preaching throughout Galilee. He urged people to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Mt. 4:17). Because Jesus healed “every disease and sickness among the people”, large crowds followed Him. After Jesus chooses the 12 disciples, He preached the Sermon on the Mount to them (Mt 5-7). The beatitudes describe the ideal citizen in Christ’s kingdom.
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – Matthew 5:13-16

Like salt (v.13)	
Like a light (v.14)	
Motive for good deeds (v.15-16)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. *What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.*

2. *What I learnt about people like us.*

3. *Summarise a key verse in your own words.*

4. *In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?*

5. *Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?*

6. *How can Christians lose their saltiness?*
Mark 9:50

Luke 14:33-35?

7. *Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?*

Christ-like living (e.g. the beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12), influences people by preventing moral decay and presenting the divine.



