

HOW DIFFERENT MUST WE BE?

We Are Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16

- ◆ We must be as distinct as salt – 5:13
 - ◆ We know the value of salt is its distinct flavor
 - ◆ Being salt means God has made us different so we can affect change in the lives we touch.
 - ◆ How distinct our lives are in purity, holiness, and love will determine our value for God's purposes
- ◆ We must be as different as light – 5:14-16
 - ◆ Being light means God has moved us, made us like Him, and we must be different – 5:14a; Col. 1:13-14; 1 Jn. 1:5; Jn. 8:12
 - ◆ The light of Christ cannot be hidden – 5:14b-15
 - ◆ My deeds must cause others to glorify God! – 5:16

We Must Imitate God

Ephesians 5:1-13

- ◆ We must be as different as the God we follow – 5:1-4
 - ◆ We imitate our Father by living in love – 5:1-2; 1 Jn. 4:8-10
 - ◆ His sacrificial love demands living in stark contrast to sinfully self-seeking world – 5:3-4
- ◆ We live differently because we know the consequences of disobedience – 5:5-13
 - ◆ We know immorality, impurity, and covetousness will keep us out of heave – 5:5-6
 - ◆ We cannot participate in worldliness, but instead show goodness, righteousness, and truth – 5:7-13

We Must Be Separate

2 Corinthians
6:14-7:1

- ◆ We must be as different from the world as opposites can be – 6:14-16
 - ◆ We cannot be bound/unequally yoked to unbelievers – 6:14a; Deut. 22:10
 - ◆ The importance of this distinctiveness is backed by five rhetorical questions – 6:14b-16a
 - ◆ We are the temple of God who dwells in us – 6:16b!
- ◆ So, we must separate ourselves from worldliness and uncleanness – 6:16c-18; 1 Cor. 15:33
- ◆ With these promises, we must dedicate ourselves to holiness – 7:1