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Matthew 5:13-14

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It is the world / earth in which He has placed
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“I was sitting in a barber chair when I became aware that a powerful personality had entered the room. A man had come quietly in upon the same errand as myself to have his hair cut and sat in the chair next to me.”

Salt

Influence

“Every word the man uttered, though it was not in the least didactic, showed a personal interest in the man who was serving him. And before I got through with what was being done to me I was aware I had attended an evangelistic service, because Mr. D. L. Moody was in that chair.”

Salt

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“I purposely lingered in the room after he had left and noted the singular affect that his visit had brought upon the barber shop. They talked in undertones.

They did not know his name, but they knew something had elevated their thoughts, and I felt that I left that place as I should have left a place of worship.”

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How do you become the salt of the earth?

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And understanding who you are in Christ.

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Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

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1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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1 Corinthians 1:4-8

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