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Who Are We?

Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

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Introduction:

The big question that we began to answer from last week's message, "Deliver us from a Poverty Mindset," causes us to Trust in the Sufficiency of God." The question this week is, "Who Are You?"

Today we would desire to help with the answer to that question by the statements God made about us to declare who he has made us to be. For we are who God says we are because He made us and gave us life. **Isaiah 29:16.**

Jesus tells us who we are here in our text in Matthew, and the epistles we will quote, which, only affirms and confirms what Jesus says about who we are.

Who Are You?

1. You are an **Influencer!** Matt.5:13

- **Influencer** means the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something.
- **The Influence of Salt** - Our influence is intended to be similar:
- **Flavor** - Our outside witness to the World. Make them thirsty for a relationship with Jesus.

- **Preservation** - Save souls for Christ and encourage others in Christ to Grow.
- **Protection** - We are called to defend the faith and the faithful.

2. You are an **Illuminator!** Matt. 5:14-16 & 1 Thess. 5:5

- **Illuminator** - *light up; to help clarify or explain.*
- Jesus says, in defining who we are, We are the Light of the World...implying that we should have the same effect in the world that visible light does...as such, we should:

Be responsible for the World Seeing the Son!

Lead by our light to Life!

3. You are an **Illustrator!** Eph. 5:8

- **We are Illustrators** -From the word "Illustrate" it means to explain or make (something) clear by using examples, charts, pictures, etc.: *to serve as an example.*
- **Walk as Children of Light!**

4. You are an **Elucidator!** 1 Pet.2:9

Who are You?

1. **Chosen Generation** - *Chosen "eklektos"* which means chosen or elect. As an adjective it means having been selected as the best or most appropriate.
2. **Royal Priesthood** - *Royal "basileios"* meaning having the status of a king or queen or a member of their family: in the service or under the patronage of a king or queen. *Priesthood "hierateuma"* meaning servant representative of the King!

