

Rethinking Christianity

Matthew 5:13-20

Christianity Is ...

Not To Be Private But To Be Public

1. Sanctify Like Salt

*You are the **salt of the earth**. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything (Matt. 5:13, NIV)*

2. Shine Like Light

*¹⁴You are the **light of the world**. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may **see your good deeds** and praise your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16, NIV)*

Not About A Religion But About Jesus

*¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill them**. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is **accomplished**. (Matt. 5:17-18, NIV)*

1. Christ Fulfills The Ceremonial Law

2. Christ Fulfills The Moral Law

3. Christ Fulfills The Prophets' Predictions

Not About Externals But About The Heart

*For I tell you that unless your **righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees** and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:20, NIV)*

*These people honor me with their lips, but their **hearts are far from me**. (Matt. 15:8, NIV)*