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SERMON OUTLINE

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Designed to Display God  
Matthew 5:13-16

- I. We are the salt of the earth: God blesses us so we can represent him and impact the entire world (5:13).
  - A. Christians are meant to be like salt – having an impact for good and for God’s glory everywhere (13a; 1 Corinthians 10:31-33).
    - 1. Picture: Salt preserves and adds flavor.
    - 2. God uses us to do good things that improve lives in a sinful world.
  - B. Sometimes we as Christians are like salt thrown away because we are not having an impact (13b).
  
- II. We are the light of the World: God blesses us to show the world how good He is (5:14-16).
  - A. Picture: Light is created to shine – It’s a shame to have light glowing but not showing (14-15).
  - B. Our good works lets the world see God’s goodness and connect it to our relationship with Christ (16a).
    - 1. Submission and service (1 Peter 2:12-18)
    - 2. Attitude (Philippians 2:14-16)
    - 3. Trusting God’s purpose in trials (John 9:1-5; Philippians 4:12-13)
  - C. Good works help bring others to faith in Christ so they also will praise God (16b).