



# The Distinctiveness of God's People

## INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

May 2, 2010

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Peter 1.9-16

### Introduction:

Peter says to be *holy...yourselves...in all your behavior*. There are many things we learn from this verse – but one lesson stands out clearly: our distinctiveness as Christians. Do persons know that you love God & serve Him? Can they tell? Do they feel & sense that you are concerned about the spiritual? What do they see in you?

### I. We are compared to salt & light. Simple...but profoundly powerful.

A. Mt. 5:13 – we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.

1. What can you do w/diluted salt? It is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. How many Christians have become dangerous & destructive because their \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity does not match up w/their \_\_\_\_\_?

C. 5:14 – we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

### II. In the past, many have confused distinctiveness with being different for the sake of being different.

A. 5:16 – we glorify \_\_\_\_\_. We draw attention to Him & His marvelous grace, forgiveness, and love.

B. 1 Pet. 2:9-12 – it is our job to magnify God!

1. Christianity is to be \_\_\_\_\_ we are...

### III. Making this practical.

A. Key to distinctiveness resides inside a changed \_\_\_\_\_! Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:1-2.

B. **Many lose their distinctiveness because of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.**

C. We need to focus on the need for submission to God.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for tender hearts.

2. 2 Tim. 1:7-12. Focus on 1:8.

3. 1:12 – we can live with \_\_\_\_\_ just like Paul.

4. 2 Cor. 6:17-18

### Conclusion:

A. Let's fully commit to God. All of us. Everyday.

B. How strong is your commitment?

### ANSWERS

Light	Who
Assurance	Salt
Heart Disease	Actions
Profession	Pray
Dangerous	Heart
God	

### My Notes