

## **Excessive Righteousness!** **Matthew 5:13-20**

**Intro:** Your testimony is more than a statement of trusting Jesus. Your testimony is more than thanking him for sins which he has forgiven. Your testimony is more than a reflection on your past of what Christ *has done* in your life. Your testimony is what you are today. It is a measure of the righteousness of God demonstrated in your life *today*.

- I. The first demonstration of your testimony is being spiritually salty.**
  - A. Sodium chloride for believers.
  - B. When being salty is not enough.
  
- II. The second demonstration of your testimony is being a light to the world.**
  - A. You...light up your world.
  - B. A city that cannot hide
  - C. You...are a lamp for a dark room
  - D. A room full of people brightened by your light
  - E. Enough good deeds to go around; enough to glorify God
  
- III. The third demonstration of your testimony is accepting the law as Jesus intended.**
  - A. Why Jesus came...
    - 1. the law
    - 2. sinners
    - 3. the relationship between the two
  - B. Why ignorance is not bliss
  
- IV. The final demonstration of your testimony is to heed Jesus' warning.**
  - A. "I warn you..."
  - B. Your righteousness vs. that of the Pharisees