

Jesus taught the disciples that they were His chosen instrument to be a catalyst. As a catalyst, God intended for His followers to bring purity and enlightenment to a sinful world. Jesus reveals...

## **I. The condition that cannot be denied.**

The world is...

A. Sinful – (rotten, prone to putrefication) – corrupt  
*See 2 Timothy 3:13*

B. Dark – symbolic of evil and unable to comprehend the truth

## **II. The character to be displayed.**

A. salt – a valuable commodity

B. light – a visible reality - *John 1:9; John 9:5; Ephesians 5:8*

## **III. The command to be obeyed.**

A. We are the expression of Christ to the world.

B. We are expected to influence the world.

C. We are exclusively the instrument God has chosen to influence the world.

## **IV. The caution to be heeded.**

A. You can lose your influence.

B. You can ignore your responsibility.