



Introduction:

- Just as there are signs of life in the body of someone who is physically alive, there are also signs of spiritual life in the body of Christ.
- In this new series of messages, *Signs of Life*, we are going to discuss signs of spiritual life like dusty shoes, open hands, and worn-out knees. Individually and corporately as a church family, we are to demonstrate the same life that Jesus did through His own body while here on earth.

Dusty Shoes: LIVING A DISTINCTLY CHRISTIAN LIFE

- Jesus' words in Matthew 5:13 define exactly the role the Church is to have in the world:

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."

Instead of becoming salt and light, we have been content to withdraw into our separate ecclesiastical ghettos, preoccupied with our own internal affairs and unconcerned about the deepest needs of those around us.

Billy Graham, **"Recovering the Primacy of Evangelism,"** *Christianity Today*, 12.8.13

We have been sent to be _____ in our world!

Salt _____ Decay.

Our world is like animal flesh – it is slowly decomposing in a spiritual sense due to the "bacteria" of sin. Left to itself, without outside efforts to preserve it, the world would decompose spiritually. The "salt" that God uses to preserve the world while the Gospel is being spread is the body of Christ – individual Christians being "salty" in the world.
David Jeremiah, **Signs of Life**, p. 22

Salt _____ Thirst.

Salt _____ Food.

Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.
– Edmund Burke

Conclusion:

Salt also promotes _____.