

SALT AND LIGHT

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Text: Matthew 5:13-16.

Thesis: To remind the brethren of who we are and what our influences are to the world.

INTRODUCTION

1. Why do the people of the world see Christians as different and unique?
2. Why do they have high expectation for Christians and place us on a higher moral standard?
3. The truth is that they did not set that standard for us, but our Lord Jesus Christ first determined that standard and set us to be different from the world (Mat. 5:13-16).
4. In this lesson, we will consider two things from our text.
 - a. You are the salt of the world.
 - b. You are the light of the world.

DISCUSSION

- I. YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE WORLD (Mat. 5:13).
 - A. Salt brings out taste.
 1. Salt serves as seasoned to give taste and flavor.
 2. Salt is dispersible.
 - a. It diffuses by spreading out its concentration.
 - b. It affects others that come into contact with it.
 - c. Jesus chose twelve (12) disciples to present His gospel to the world when He had hundreds of disciples?
 - d. Could He have chosen more, then why only twelve men into a world of millions or billions of people?
 3. As salt of the world, we present the truth that gives meaning to life.

B. Salt prevents decay.

1. Salt serves as preservatives to prevent corruption or decaying.
2. As salt of the world, we preserve lives via Christian living and preaching God's word.
 - a. Jesus wants His follows to be change agents, affecting others in preventing sin.
 - b. Our lives and preaching must help preserve soul for eternity.
 - c. Salt gives assurance that the food will remain flesh and useful, so should we be to the world.
3. Any society that is predominantly Christians has a minimum crime but unfortunately our government is fighting Christianity and the Bible.

C. Salt brings healing.

1. Salt serves as medicine.
 - a. Salt as a medicinal property helps in healing the sick.
 - b. It also serves as antidotes and vaccines preventing diseases.
2. As salt of the world, we give hope of salvation.
 - a. The world is sick in sin, and we must be the one helping to heal it.
 - b. The medicinal properties in salt make it possible to heal wounds and prevent diseases, so should we be to the world.
 - c. The world is groping and lost in spiritual sickness of sins, we must sprinkle our salt on the world.
 - d. A popular American musician Michael Jackson sang "heal the world, make it a better place for you and for me and the entire

generation” but what he refused to know is that the world can only be healed by the Word of God.

II. YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (Mat. 5:14-15).

A. Light produces radiance.

1. Light gives brightness.
 - a. Light produces illumination.
 - b. It brightens the dim places to uncover hidden things.
2. As the light of the world, we must produce brightness to the world.
 - a. Jesus did not select the most educated or wise men but chose the least to be the light of the world.
 - b. Light shows the way, and so must Christians be epistles that shows the way to salvation.

B. Light produces revelation.

1. Light reveals things that are in the dark to produce clarity.
2. As light of the world, we must shine to break the darkness.
 - a. There cannot be darkness in the midst of light, therefore, our lives must be devoid of confusion.
 - b. Our lights must shine to eliminate all doubts, and any form of misrepresentation as God’s people.
 - c. We must reveal the truth to those who do not know.
3. As light attract people, so must we shine in the Lord to attract people to God.

C. Light produces rulership.

1. Light rules over darkness.

2. As light of the world, we must rule and determine the standard of living.
3. If our lights do not rule to determine how man ought to walk, the world will be dead and evil.
4. Celebrities have become the standard for our children and our societies.
5. Light is life, darkness is death, so light must therefore rule in this life.

CONCLUSION

1. From our discussion so far, we have realized who we are as Christians.
 - a. We are the salt of the world.
 - b. We are the light of the world.
2. We must therefore give out what we have for the world to be saved.
3. We must be profitable to the world to God's glory.
4. We are the salt of the world, and we must help save people from the wrath to come.
5. We are the light of the word, so we must shine to show the way to God.
6. We are the hope of the world because we are the salt and the light of the world.
7. How many people have we helped to glorify God this year, month, or week?