

Be an influence

Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction:

In today's world we have a lot of negative influence around us. Did you know this Christ has called HIS church to be an influence? We are called salt and light in Matthew 5:13-16.. Its time to be a positive influence on those around us.

Scripture:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Key Points:

1. Salt
2. Light

Outline:

1. Salt
 - a. Definition- a white crystalline substance that gives seawater its characteristic taste and is used for seasoning or preserving food
 - b. What are its uses?
 - i. Flavoring
 - ii. Preserving
 - iii. Healing
 - iv. Destroying
 - c. What does salt have to do with being a Christian?
 - i. We are called to preserve the gospel of Christ.
 - (1) How do we preserve the gospel of Christ?
 - (a) By sharing the gospel of Christ and what HE did on the cross.
 - ii. We are called salt because when we share the gospel of Christ it brings about healing to humanity by reconciling those who accept Christ.
 - iii. The problem with salt is if used to much it can destroy what it comes into contact with.
 - iv. Salt if not used becomes useless we are warned about this in our scripture.

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2. Light
 - a. Definition- illuminate or make things visible.
 - b. We are the light of Christ we are to make HIM visible to those who can't see HIM.

- c. As Christians we can not hide because it is Christ Jesus who shines in us. What good would we be if we hid Jesus and kept HIM to ourselves? This is contrary to what we called to do.
- d. When there is light in a room there is no more darkness.
- e. Are you letting the Light of Christ shine in your life?
- f. How do people see the light shining in you?
 - i. Do they see it in what you do?
 - ii. Do they hear it in what you say?
- g. As salt and light we are to lead people to Christ Jesus so that HE can lead them to calvary's cross.

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We the body of Christ HIS bride is the city that is set on the hill, bride let your light shine as bright as it can and to God be the glory.

Conclusion:

Have you lost your flavor, have you become useless to God? Have you hidden your light? Its time to start being the Godly influence that you have been called to be. Let today be the day that you changed your life so that you reflect Christ in your life.