

08-10-14

Scripture:

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Reviews **Matthew 5:3-10**

Matthew 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth...

You are the light of the world...

You and I, as believers in Jesus

We are salt, we are light

In a world that is fast decaying...

In a world filled w/ darkness...

Talked much about salt last time

Salt is to preserve, to purify, to sting, to flavor and to cause thirst

Shared this at VM conference

Just talked about here and our snow

David Hernandez, new DR got up after

He said I forgot one...

Salt melts snow

As believers we are to be salt to melt the hard hearts of
the world around us 😊

The world is a place of decay and darkness

The world needs the salt and light

We alone, believers, are this salt and light

That this decaying and dark world needs

We need to be different

Some of us – that's easier than others 😊

The point of the beatitudes, the effect of the
beatitudes is that we are different from the
world

We affect the world by our lives,

We make a difference

Believers alone are the salt

Believers alone are the light

If we don't do it, no one else will

We are to be pure – glistening white against the
darkness of the world

We are to flavor life w/ the wonder of God's presence

We are to sting and convict the sinful wound of the world

We are to create in others a thirst for God

We are to be a preservative, to retard the corruption of the world

And... We are to melt the hard hearts of the world 😊

Light of the world

Matthew 5:14a

14 "You are the light of the world.

Salt does its work, often hidden, melting in

Light is different

Light shines on the outside

It is open, it is visible

Salt is the influence of Christian character

Light is communicating the content of the gospel

Stayed in motel rooms quite a bit recently

Usually have those room darkening curtains

Very dark until you open

Sister-in-law opened them one morning while many still asleep – what a shock to the eyes

The light blasted into the room and into the eyes of those still sleeping

Not real happy at this blast of light...

This is a picture of the light we are to be

Sharing the truth of the gospel w/ the world around
Shining the light
Blazing the light of truth
We are to give light to the world – illuminate it
By what we say
By what we do

Light changes things
Changes how things look
W/o light there is little color
W/ light we see all of the colors
We see things more clearly
We see things as they are...

Light is living the righteous life
Light is speaking the truth of the light

1 John 1:5

God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Psalms 36:9

*For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.*

Psalms 119:105

*105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.*

John 8:12

Light is related to the true knowledge of God

God is light
In Him is the fountain of light
In Him we see light

Shine your light

Matthew 5:16

16 "Let your light shine before men...

We are to let our lights shine

Shine in the world around us

Letting the world see Jesus living in us

Letting the world see the truth...

We are the salt, we are the light

If we don't do it – it doesn't get done

Light is the communication of the gospel

The communication of the gospel to the world
around us

In our words and

In our godly conduct

We all need to share the Light

Share the Light at home

Share the Light at work

Share the Light w/ your neighbors

This week we are going to have an opportunity to
share the Light with our community

How do we share the Light?

Many ways this can be done...

It is done by how we live...

It is also done by what we say

Sharing the truth of the gospel

VBS will be looking at the wordless book

5 colors actually

A way to share the light, to share the gospel

My heart was dark w/ sin – black

All have sinned and are separated from God

His precious blood has washed me white as snow

We need to repent and trust Jesus' death

Jesus died to pay the penalty of our sin

When we repent – turn from sin

When we trust Jesus – His death paid the
penalty for our sin

We are washed white as snow

If we confess our sins He is faithful...

Thou your sins be as scarlet

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together,"

Says the Lord,

"Though your sins are as scarlet,

They will be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They will be like wool.

By the blood of Jesus we are cleansed

Washed made white

When we have repented and trusted Jesus as our Savior – one day we will walk the streets of gold

Revelation 21:21

And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

We need to grow by reading His Word and praying each day

2 Peter 3:18

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Shining God's light

2 Corinthians 4:6

God is the One who has shone His light into our hearts

We are enlightened as we see God's glory

The light comes into our lives

God has flooded our hearts with His light

We can enlighten others only b/c of the

knowledge, the light, He has given us

Matthew 5:14b-15

Shine for all to see

Out on a hill top

On a lamp stand

So people can see the Light

A city on a hill can't be hidden

The light is here to be seen

We are to be conspicuous – for all to see

For the world to see the light – through us

Like travelers in the dark – seeing the light of the town
up on a hill – something to aim for, to look for

We are not a secret society

Some mystical, unknowable thing

God has revealed Himself

He is light

That light has shone into our lives

That light should shine through our lives

We are a city set on a hill

We need to get our light where people can see it

Not down in a hole

Not covered w/ a basket

Our light needs to be lit

Our light needs to be visible

When the character of our lives is based on the
beatitudes – we will be lights shining in the darkness

The whole world needs to see the truth of God

The whole world needs to know the truth of God

Let it shine

Matthew 5:16

This doesn't say to get your light going

Crank it up – make it shine brighter

Like keeping a lighthouse lit...

Let it shine...

The light is there – if you have repented...

We can hide it under a bushel

The light is there

If Jesus lives in us, the light is there

We can't change that...

Jesus is the light, we can't change that

It can't be blown out

Contrary to the song 😊

Don't put a basket on it

The basket of fear

The basket of wanting to be acceptable to the world, not wanting to offend, to make waves

Whatever it is – take it off

It is lit when we repent and trust Jesus

Let it shine

Let them see the beauty of our works

When we hide our testimony

We are hiding, we are preventing others from seeing
the beauty of God Himself

Anyone can do good works

The good works we do should point to God
Others should see God working in us
Through the things that we do

Ever heard of Hang Son Doong?

*It is an underground cave in Viet Nam. Apparently,
this cave is at least two and a half miles in length --
the biggest discovered so far.*

*One room is eight hundred feet high and capable of
containing a half-mile block of forty-story buildings!*

*There is a section in the cave where there is a
massive hole enabling light to shine down on the
cave below. Over the years, the floor under the
opening has filled up with a jungle of greenery and
life.*

*...consider the contrast between the area in barren
darkness and the area open to the sunshine, full of
growth and life.*

*Isaiah 9:2 - The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land
of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (ESV)
Before Jesus saved us, we walked in the darkness
of our sin. Then the light of Jesus' salvation broke
through from above.*

Colossians 1:13-14 - He has delivered us from the

domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (ESV)

The influence of God's light should be obvious to those outside of the kingdom, through the abundant life that flourishes within us. As believers, His light is in us!

As the followers of Jesus, we live under an open heaven where His light shines down on us and through us to those who are perishing and those whom we are called to serve!

Conclusion:

We need to be salt that is salty

We need to be light that is shining brightly

Why should we do this?

Why should we be this?

To give glory to our Father in heaven

If we don't do it – if we are more concerned w/ our reputation than His glory

We have placed ourselves above God

When we let ourselves – our reputation, our standing among others get in the way...

God's glory is dragged down

We place ourselves on the throne

We take God off

He alone deserves to be there

He alone is King

God alone is to receive the glory
Only God is worthy of this

Benediction:

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Sermon outline

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