

Day 16 - Matthew 5:13-16 - Salt and the Light

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Disciples are like salt because they are to have a preserving influence. As we Journey with Jesus our salty nature will affect the people around us, and with that, we can help season their walk with the love of Christ. We as salt should be favorable having the ability to guide others as they journey through life and all it challenges. How do we do this? We do this by praying with and for them, reading/studying the Word to give out to them, being lead by the Spirit, and continuing with those He has placed in our lives to walk along side in their need.

To be of any value in this Journey we are to keep our saltiness...our witness for Christ. if we choose to lose our way, and begin living as the world lives, we then lose our flavor and other true believers and non-believers will see no difference between Christ and the world. We are to show the world who Jesus Christ is and His way tastes good.

Psalms 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Same as salt, our light will affect everyone around us. For instance, if we do not share our testimony of how Jesus not only saved us and how He did it, well then, we might as well be placing our light under a basket.



Jesus wants us to share our testimony of how He helped us overcome. By sharing our victory in Christ Jesus, we are shining His light into someone who could still be in bondage and darkness. Our testimony can help break the chains of darkness in their life where they too can come to believe in Jesus and be saved and delivered. After all, it is about salvation for this lost and broken world. Do not be afraid to share your testimony. There is a saying, "we could possibly be the only bible someone will read."

In the end, it's really not your testimony at all, its about His testimony of what He did for you and what He can do for the lost!

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for *God's* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

Don't be afraid! Go spread your salt, and shine your light, to a lost and broken world!

As Christians continue to be vilified, let us continue to rejoice and be exceedingly glad. It means we are being the salt and the light and we are IN HIM! R. C. Sproul Jr.