

Sermon Notes
Week of February 24, 2008
"Be the Church: For the World"
Matthew 5:13-14

A HEALTHY CHURCH...

...is less about a place that looks a certain way, and more about people who love in the right way. And love is generally best shown when given in the face of circumstances we don't like.

In one word the function of the believer is:

The mandate for Christians is to: _____!

I. The Reality = World is _____ and _____

II. The Dream = Disciples are to be _____. The church must not accept the worlds:

Easy Solutions

Amorality

Christians are to be God's salt to: _____
corruption and His light to _____ truth.

By definition, and influence must be _____
from that which it influences.

"The church cannot stand for the Lord if it does not stand for His Word, and when it stands for His Word its witness will often sting."

Christians are to be _____.

Christians should be _____ to others.

Christians should be true to the _____ (even when it stings).

Christians should create a _____ for God in others.

_____ is hidden _____ is obvious

*works _____ *works _____

*works from within *works _____ from _____

*indirect influence *direct communication

III. The danger v. 13b

Pure salt does _____ lose its _____.

IV. The Goal v.16

Glorify God!

OUR CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES (30)

BELIEF – "What We Need to Know"

1. Trinity: the belief that the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (II Corinthians 13:14)

PRACTICE – "What We Endeavor to Do"

1. Worship: worshiping God for who he is and what he has done for us. (Psalm 95:1-7)

VIRTUE – "What We Expect to Be"

1. Joyful: having inner contentment and purpose in spite of our circumstances. (John 15:11)

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In one word the function of the believer is: INFLUENCE

The mandate for Christians is to: INFLUENCE THE WORLD!

I. The Reality = World is CORRUPT and DARK

II. The Dream = Disciples are to be DIFFERENT. The church must not accept the worlds:

SELF-CENTERDNESS

Easy Solutions

IMMORALITY

Amorality

MATERIALISM

Christians are to be God's salt to: RETARD corruption and His light to REVEAL truth.

By definition, and influence must be DIFFERENT from that which it influences.

“The church cannot stand for the Lord if it does not stand for His Word, and when it stands for His Word its witness will often sting.”

Christians are to be PURE.

Christians should be ATTRACTIVE to others.

Christians should be true to the WORD (even when it stings).

Christians should create a THIRST for God in others.

SALT is hidden

LIGHT is obvious

*works SECRETLY

*works OPENLY

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Pure salt does NOT lose its SALTINESS.

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