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Matthew 5:11-16 “Witness”

People gripped by God's grace (vv3-12) will be Salt & Light in this world & will be persecuted (vv11-16).

You are Salt V13

- Prevent Decay – Christians run to not from problems. Rom12:21; 1Thess5:12-22
- Add Flavor – Christians are enjoyable to be around. Jn2:1-12; Col4:5-6
- Create Thirst – Christians create a desire in others to know God. 1Pet2:12; Jn4:13-14

You Are Light vv14-16

- Reflect His Glory – As the moon reflects the sun Christians reflect Christ. v16; 2Cor3:18, 4:4-6; 1Pet2:9
- Dispel darkness – Christians are to bring love, joy, peace & meaning. v15; Matt6:10, 16:18; 2Tim1:7; Gal5:22-23
- Be a Counterculture - Christians are called to be an alternative city within every earthly city. v14; Jer29:7; Rom12:1-2; Eph4:20-24, 5:6-14

If you are Salt & Light you'll be Persecuted vv11-12

- Blessed are you not “if” but “when” people persecute you. V11; 2Tim3:12
- On my (Jesus) account not on your account. 1Pet4:12-16

- Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. V12; 1Pet4:13; 2Cor12:10

Jesus took the eternal shame for you so that you can take the temporal shame for Him.

Hebrew12:2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (NASB)



Growing

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- 1) What kind of an impact would you think people who are gripped by God's grace (Matt5:1-12) will have on the world around them? Read Matthew 5:11-16.

- 2) What are the characteristics of salt? How do Christians prevent decay by running to not from problems (Rom12:21; 1Thess5:12-22)? How do Christians add flavor by being enjoyable to be around (Jn2:1-12; Col4:5-6)? How do Christians create thirst (desire) in others to know God (1Pet2:12; Jn4:13-14)?

- 3) What are the characteristics of light? What does it mean that as the moon reflects the sun Christians are to reflect Christ's Glory (v16; 2Cor3:18, 4:4-6; 1Pet2:9)? How are Christians to dispel darkness by bringing love, joy, peace & meaning (v15; Matt6:10, 16:18; 2Tim1:7; Gal5:22-23)? How are Christians to be an alternative city (counterculture) within every earthly city (v14; Jer29:7; Rom12:1-2; Eph4:20-24, 5:6-14)?

- 4) If you are Salt & Light you can count on being Persecuted (v11; 2Tim3:12). Explain. What's the difference between being persecuted on account of Jesus vs. on account of you (v11; 1Pet4:12-16)? How can you rejoice and be glad in persecution (v12; 1Pet4:13; 2Cor12:10)? How does knowing that Jesus took our eternal shame motivate us to take the temporal shame for Him (Heb12:2)? Pray that db be salt & light in this world!