

DIVINE RESTORATION

2021

SERMON TITLE:

Salt & Light!

DATE:

21 February 2021

WORD

Read Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG)

- The salt and light saying reminds us **not to isolate ourselves** from other people but to model discipleship in the midst of a fallen world.
- Salt and light function in virtue of **what they are, not what they do.**

SALT

We are to the world what salt is in everyday life:

Salt **preserves and is valuable.**

Christians help preserve what is good in the culture. Taken in this way, the metaphor indicates that by their very presence **Jesus' disciples are necessary for the welfare of the world.**

You have an important role to play because you are the salt of the earth. You are a **seasoning agent**. Salt brings out the **flavour**. You can bring the distinctive flavour of God's values to all of life. You can make life palatable.

"but the apostles were the salt of **the whole earth, for they must go into all the world to preach the gospel.**"

Note that salt, to be effective, **must be in contact** with the meat or fish it is to preserve. **To be effective**, we must be involved where we work and where we live.

Salt was also used in cooking fires to help the **fires burn hotter**, it creates thirst, **melts coldness, and heals wounds.**

In the world, we touch many people who do not encounter Christ at church.

Salt must be **scattered** and rubbed into meat to slow decay.

If Christianity do not do it, nothing will.

LIGHT

Jesus Himself is the light of the world (John 8:12).

Light of the world: The relationship between these two statements is that Jesus is the source of light; Christians are the reflection of His light. Their function is to shine for Him just as the moon reflects the glory of the sun.

The Christian is like **a city that is set on a hill**: It is elevated above its surroundings and it shines in the midst of darkness. Those whose lives exhibit the traits of Christ's teaching **cannot be hidden.**

Light a lamp and put it under a bowl: Invisible light was about as useful to ancient Galileans as was tasteless salt (**Matthew 5:13**).

OWN NOTES:

Let your light so shine: The believer does not have inherent light; rather we have reflective light. As we behold the glory of the Lord, we reflect it. His disciples must show their “good works” – i.e. all righteousness, everything they are and do that reflects the mind and will of God. And others must see this light.

The churches are the candlesticks: The golden candlesticks, in which these lights are placed, that the light may be diffused, and the gospel is so strong a light, and carries with it so much of its own evidence, that, *like a city on a hill, it cannot be hid*, it cannot but appear to be from God, to all those who do not wilfully shut their eyes against it.

Glorify your Father: Their good works are produced by the light and life that come from God. It is not of their own making, because those who see them in action will glorify not them but their “Father in heaven”.

OWN NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 8:00am - Pastor Naas Live! – Invite your world!

9:30am - Pastor Naas Live and live on Facebook and YouTube!

6:00pm - Live Link with Ps At Boshoff!

Ladies Prayer via Zoom with Pastor Wilna:

Wednesday Morning @ 10:00

Prayer & Intercession online with Pastor Naas:

Thursday Evening @ 18:30

CALENDAR:

26 February – CRC Cares Hamburger Fundraising!

100% Beef OR Black bean & Sweet potato Burger @ R50 each. (150gr patty)

Add a potato salad @ R20 each. (Serves 2)

Support CRC Cares and place your order before Thursday 25 February at 12 noon.

Send an E-mail to cares@crcgeorge.co.za or Whatsapp your order to Johan at 081 331 4628

To be collected on Friday 26 February after 4pm outside the church.

1 March – Leaders Meeting at church and on Zoom:

Monday Evening @ 19:00

WORKS

Encourage one another to keep inviting people to join your homecell and services.

Let's stay attentive to the needs of the people in our world.

Let's continue to be vigilant in WINNING THE LOST AT ANY COST!