

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Letting Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:13-16

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Will you play a game you cannot lose?

KNOWING YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13 NIV

If you know you have already accepted Jesus Christ, John says you have eternal life.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

Jesus paid for all of our sin, past, present and future.

God wanted you to know that when you run a play for Him in the game of life and death, you cannot lose.

REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM GOD

- 6 Resistant Stage: Self-satisfied, skeptical, resistant, or spiritually apathetic.
- 5 Receptive Stage: Becomes aware of an unmet need or spiritual void in life.
- 4 Seeker Stage: Begins looking for answers to questions or solutions to problems.
- 3 Consideration Stage: Considers the differences between themselves and believers
- 2 Understanding Stage: Learns why and how to become a Christian.
- 1 Ready Stage: Ready to believe and receive Christ. The fruit is ripe.
- 0 Ground Zero They pray to receive Christ.
- +1 Salvation: Start them on the newbie path.

Jesus says:

YOU ARE SALT

So for you who are blessed by God you bring flavor to the world you live in.

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.

Matthew 5:13 NAS

You are salty when you care for people, talk to them, get to know them and offer to help them.

YOU ARE LIGHT

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.

Matthew 5:14-16 NAS

You will bring light into the middle of life and show people the way.

Shining a light into your life can be uncomfortable but freeing.

What God reveals God can fix.

When Jesus lives in you, you are not perfect but you do reflect the light He gives and others see it

If we are not the salt and light in this world displaying the marvelous grace of God, who will be?

1. Write the stages of relationship on a card and mark the stage each person in your relational world is at.
2. Continue to pray for each person God brings into your relational world. Ask God to give you a heart for them.
3. Share with someone in your family or small group what you have noticed God doing.