

The Power of the Church

"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. Matthew 5:13

Imagine your life without salt. In many foods, it is a natural component. In other instances, it is often added because of the impact it has upon whatever it comes in contact with. It enhances, preserves and, in some cases, even heals. Because of how God has designed our bodies and our world, we need salt. Without it, our world, our lives and even our bodies would not be the same.

In Matthew 5:13; Christ tells his followers that they are salt...the salt of the earth. In applying this term to them, Christ proclaims that his disciples, the church, have the power to enhance, preserve and, in some cases, even bring about healing upon and within the earth. The church, individually and collectively, is powerful and we are responsible for using this power to exert Godly influence upon everything we come in contact with. Are you using your power?

Whether it's within our families, communities, careers, schools or church, God's people have been called upon to make a difference for God in the world. The church's influence upon the earth should be so strong that if it were to disappear, everyone would know it. Don't neglect your power. Don't take your ability and responsibility to influence the world for Christ for granted. If salt loses its saltiness, it is not good for anything. It cannot serve it's purpose. So it is with the church. When the church, individual Christians, no longer have any Godly influence upon those around them, what good are we to God and for God? God has placed you where you are right now for a reason...to draw others to Him through you and the good you do.

Just think...If you are a Christian, would your family, friends, co-workers or church notice a difference if you were no longer there? Would your influence be missed? Each day, Christians have a chance to make a difference on this earth. Seize the opportunity that God gives you. Use your power.

"...the churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16