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The Salt of the Earth

By Tim Dooley



There is a bluegrass song by Ricky Skaggs and The Whites entitled, "Salt of the Earth." The song claims that, "good people are the salt of the earth." *This world is most definitely made up of many good, bad, and indifferent people. However, are "good" people really the, "salt of the earth?" In Matthew chapter five Jesus, talking with his disciples (5:1), tells them that "they" were the salt of the earth (v. 13). Consider with me two concepts from this teaching.*

Salt preserves things; it keeps things from being destroyed. We understand then that Christians are the salt that preserves this world from destruction. Christ also said you are the "light of the world" (v. 14). It is through the children of God that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of this sinful world. Consider how much evil is in the world today. If it were not for faithful Christians in this world, can we even begin to fathom the evil that would abound?

Salt also flavors. We can take from this that the Christian continues to preserve the very existence of this earth; making things more palatable to God. The disciple of Christ does this by obedient, faithful living. Consider what occurred in the days of Noah or in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. If it were not for the faithful disciples here on earth just how long do you suppose God would allow things to continue?

In Luke 14:34-35 Jesus says, "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out." *I am thankful for the "good people" I know, but they are not the "salt of the earth." The "salt of the earth" are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Being a "good" person will not result in a home in Heaven with God. Being an obedient, faithful child of God will; and the reward will certainly worth it all. Be faithful!*

Love Shows

It probably happens most often in college. Your friend walks into the room and you immediately know something is different. There is a radiance that wasn't there before. The eyes are brighter. The face is joyful. There's a bounce in their step. The friend has fallen in love ... and, like Andy Rooney once said, "When you're in love, it shows."

You really can't hide love. It's easy to see when a husband loves his wife. It's easy to see when a grandma loves her grandchildren. It's easy to see when a person loves their job. It's easy to see when a fan truly loves the Cardinals. It's easy to see when a family had a great vacation.



And it's just as easy to see when someone truly loves the Lord. It shows. You just can't hide true love. When you love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind (Mark 12:30) it transforms you.

You will never hide your light behind dark shades, keeping it to yourself, but will expose it for the whole world to see (Matthew 5:15-16). Love shows.

You will never have to be shamed or begged to meet with God's people for worship, study and fellowship (Hebrews 10:25), but will long to be with the church whenever it gathers (Acts 2:42) – even when it is difficult or inconvenient. Love shows.

You will use your words to encourage and build, rather than to criticize and destroy – no matter what others are saying about you (Ephesians 4:29). Love shows.

You will treat your fellow Christians with greater care and concern than you treat yourself (Phil. 2:3-4). This will be evident to the whole world (John 13:35). Love shows.

You will not get stingy, resentful or angry when an opportunity comes from the Lord to share your financial blessings with others (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). Love shows.

You will not pass up opportunities to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter strangers, clothe the needy, or visit the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25:34-46). Love shows (and saves!).

You will stay in constant communication with the Lord by prayer and study (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Peter 3:17). Love shows.

You will not keep the saving message from the lost, but will share the gospel with all you can for as long as you can (Matthew 28:19-20). Love shows.

Other people can see how much you love the Lord. The Lord can see how much you love Him. The challenge is to be honest enough with yourself to look deeply in your own heart to see if love for the Lord is truly there. Remember, love shows.

~ By Joe Chesser

CLOTHES CLOSET

We have a church clothes closet in the making, and can use your help by providing slightly used clothes and shoes. This work has been approved by the elders and is being overseen by *Madison Griggs* and *Madison Grigsby*.



“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”
— Augustine

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Kathy Clayton has been diagnosed with shingles.

Luke Jennings, is waiting the results of some allergy tests. He will be seeing a pediatric cardiologist soon for an evaluation.

Deborah Griffin has been diagnosed with melanoma. She had surgery this past week to remove surrounding tissue and some lymph nodes. She is waiting on the results.

Stephanie Simmons has been diagnosed with Covid.

Harold Russell is recovering from surgery for an aneurism. The surgery went well. He is still weak.

Shane & Barbara Crotts, are recovering from Covid. They are still weak.

Grace Crotts, mother of *Shane*, also has Covid.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to *Amanda Coggin* in the death of her uncle **Charlie Simmons** of the Buckhorn community in Pontotoc.

We extend our sympathy to *Roger Clayton* in the death of his dear friend *Gene Hollar*, from Texas.

Continue to Remember:

Ricky Adams, Shelly Clayton, Shane Crotts, Earnestine Dye, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Ron Griggs, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Sue Marques, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Terri Turner, Charles Ulmer, William Wilson family, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Bill & Grace Lyon, Nancy Petrowski,

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals

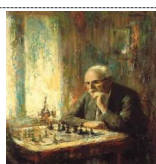
WELCOME HOME

We are so happy to report that Luke Goff has return from his tour of duty over seas safe and sound! We thank him for his service to our country and to Erin for standing strong while he was away!



I've Learned

In jealousy, there is more self-love than true love.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 15..... Greg Clayton
February 19..... Barbara Crotts

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 16..... Kelvin & Lakisha Harris



THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank everyone for the calls, texts and food sent, as well as cards we received after dad passed. We have a wonderful church family and that makes times like this a littler easier to bear. Love,

Dane, Amanda, Jackson & Peyton Coggin

REJOICE

We are happy to announce that Steve Hill put on Christ in baptism Sat. Feb. 6th. We are so proud of Steve's decision to obey the gospel. Please encourage Steve and his sweet family, Andrea & Clayton.

WELCOME

It is wonderful to have Austin, Jessica, Ryleigh, Preston and Maggie Garrett back worshipping and working with us again. Be sure to welcome them back home. Their address is 1119 CR 73 New Albany, MS 38650.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- NAYPE (New Albany Youth Prayer & Evangelism) will begin meeting again Feb. 3rd. They will meet every other Wed night following Bible study..
- Youth to attend CYC in Pigeon Forge TN, Feb. 26-28th.
- Remember to bring Care Group items or give donations to either *Kurt Clayton* or *Brian Carpenter*.
- Help is needed to host the Youth Devo's through out the year. Please sign up to help.
- REMEMBER our Theme for 2021 "The Power of Love"

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....
 Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

MINISTERS

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 Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Shane Crotts.....266-0195
 Jason Jennings..... 801-3260
 Mark Jennings....731-609-3309
 Randy Wall 316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Thomas Wall
 Scripture.....Randy Wall
 A.M. Prayer.....Owen Clayton
 Closing.....Mason Simmons
 P.M. Prayer.....
 Closing.....
 Wed Feb.17th....Greg C./ Larry C.
 Lock.....Dan Cobb
 UsherMark Jennings
 SecurityJason Jennings

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....88
 Sunday A.M.....96
 Sunday P.M.....
 Wednesday.....67
 Contribution.....\$5,046.00
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

PANTRY ITEMS

Instant Pudding



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Talk with Your Spouse

Over the years, I have been approached by several couples who were having marital problems. Here are two people who have promised to honor and sacrifice for each other for the rest of their lives. And now, their marriage is on the rocks. Often, the major complaint that comes from the wife is, "He doesn't talk to me, anymore!"

Teenagers when they date are known for their long conversations. If you've ever had to pay a girl's cell phone bill you know what I mean. Guys, our wives need us to talk to them. They need to hear us say, "I love you." And they need us to share about our lives and our thoughts.

The Bible has an inspired loved poem. It is the Song of Solomon. At the beginning and end of this beautiful poem, Solomon's beloved wife says: "let me hear your voice" (Song 2:14; 8:13).

The truth is, lovers talk, share, commune together, and listen to each other. And this is true whether talking about the intimate love between husband and wife or the family love between parent and child or the friendship that folks feel for their pals.

Being in love demands that we communicate with those we love.

Larry Fitzgerald ~ Bulletin Digest