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The Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World

When Jesus delivered what we call the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5,6,7), He identified some of the characteristics that ought to belong to any and all who claim to be His disciples. Christian character should include poverty of spirit, sorrow for sin, strength under control, hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercifulness, purity of heart, ability to make peace and a loyalty that is not easily deflected (Matthew 5:3-12).

Then Jesus said to those who possess such character, "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world!"(vs.13-16). Here are two metaphors that illustrate the importance of Christian character. Historically, salt has served as a preservative. And of course, light illuminates the darkness.

Therefore, where Christian character resides, Christians exert a powerful and positive influence on the world around them. Christian presence in the world acts as a preservative within a sin corrupt world and as illumination to a sin darkened world. It is easy to become cynical about our ability to influence society in a positive way because we seem to be so few in number and the worldly influences are so great. However, Jesus had no doubt about our place. He did not say, "You might be the salt of the earth..." or "You probably will be..." Instead, Jesus said, "You <u>are</u> the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

But even then, our effectiveness is dependent on retaining our saltiness and shining our lights. We must be willing to hang on to God's moral standard in the face of criticism. And we must be willing to let our Christian character be seen. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." The question is, "Will you be the salt of the earth and the light of the world?"

-Russ Mullins, 14thandmainchurchofchrist.com



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit, To give glory to God To be unified in reaching others To be living witnesses for Christ

Welcome to the Talm Springs Church of Christ



It's a time for new beginnings! We welcome you to this time of worship. Together, let us begin a new period of growth as we are led by God's spirit.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Pray for those who mourn: David and the Winings family; Wanda Goodenough; and Jeff Mercer. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Keep Joy Gabel Filippone in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her husband Sam. Please pray for Lynette as she continues to recover from surgery, Jerry and Camelia's daughter Christy who is suffering with severe back problems and Russ and Barbara Galbreath's daughter-in-law Carla and has recently been placed on hospice care. Pray for the improved health of: Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis' extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins' family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear God of all faithfulness, help me to trust You and put myself into Your hands all my days - now and for eternity. In the name of Jesus my Savior. Amen.

Our Daily Bread, Danny Mize; July 2020

Read: Psalm 130:1-8

News:

2022 Annual Corporation Meeting: Is scheduled for February 20th following worship service. Roy McDonald and Kerry Britton are up for re-election and Blake Axsom has indicated that he would not be seeking re-election this term.

Reminder: Our new email address is: **pscoc@outlook.com**. Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

In Search of the Lord's Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:13-16

"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 by men."

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise you Father in heaven."

Sermon Title: "Salt and Light"



Birthdays:

Mae Britton:	1/3
Francis Pati:	1/5
Barbara Galbreath:	1/11
Ana Olea:	1/12
Sandi Pati:	1/13
Maria Olea:	1/19

Wedding Anniversaries:

R & L McDonald:

1/13

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

State and local mandates require wearing masks during indoor gatherings

Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to: Palm Springs Church of Christ P.O. Box 2267 Palm Springs, CA 92263 (Checks or money orders - please do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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