

God's Plan for IS You

Sermon Notes: God's Plan IS You!

Key Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

2 Primary Things Jesus is communicating when calling us Salt and Light:

1. **These aren't commands, they're what we are.**
2. **You're gonna have influence and impact on the environment around you.**

Who is the Light of the World?

Only Disciples of Jesus.

When Jesus calls His disciples the light of the world what does that mean?

Greek Word for Light:

5457 *phōs* – properly, *light* (especially in terms of its results, what it manifests); in the NT, **the manifestation of God's self-existent life; divine illumination to reveal and impart life, through Christ.**

When Jesus is saying we are the light of the world, He's saying We are the manifestation of God's life here on earth. **WE ARE THE PLAN!**

Should we do good deed before others or in secret?

The idea isn't that we shouldn't let others see our good deeds. The idea has everything to do with why we're doing what we're doing. It's all about our motivation. When we do it so others see us. We're doing it for the wrong reason. When we do it so others see Him through us...we're the manifestation of His life

Do you have a hard time believing that? Read this!

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The are two primary ways salt could lose its saltiness would either be to be **DILUTED** or **POLUTTED!**

This goes right back to what we talk about so often, we have to be careful not to dilute the truth of God's word to tickle ears, and we have to be careful not to be polluted by the world either way rendering us ineffective.

Application:

1. Do something special this week for someone that's out of the ordinary, for God's glory!
2. Is there sin in your life that is putting your light under a bowl? Ask for God's help to repent.
3. Read your Bible. When we know how to better follow Jesus, our lights shine brighter!