

Point 3: Our Relationship with and Responsibility to the World – Salt and Light

"Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words." – St. Francis of Assisi

Matthew 5:13 (NKJV) "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it (the earth) be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

Matthew 5:14 (NKJV) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:15 (NKJV) Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Mark 16:15 (NKJV) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:16 (NKJV) He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:17 (NKJV) And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:18 (NKJV) they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Mark 16:20 (NKJV) And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Colossians 4:5 (NKJV) Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Colossians 4:6 (NKJV) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

"The best argument for Christianity is Christians; the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians." – G.K. Chesterton



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Point 1: Our Relationship with Fellow Believers – United in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NKJV) For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12 (NKJV) for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13 (NKJV) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Ephesians 4:14 (NKJV) that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Ephesians 4:15 (NKJV) but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

John 17:20 (NKJV) "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

John 17:21 (NKJV) that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:22 (NKJV) And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

John 17:23 (NKJV) I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Luke 24:46 (NKJV) Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus **it was necessary** for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

Luke 24:47 (NKJV) and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached** in His name to **all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:48 (NKJV) And you are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:49 (NKJV) “Behold, **I send the Promise of My Father upon you**; but **tarry** in the city of Jerusalem **until** you are **endued with power** from on high.”

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:13-14 (NKJV) And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying...These all continued with **one accord** in **prayer** and **supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:1 (NKJV) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with **one accord** in one place.

Acts 2:2 (NKJV) And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven**, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 (NKJV) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV) But those who **wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength**; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers meeting together, each one looking to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be were they to become ‘unity-conscious’ and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.”

A.W. Tozer - (The Pursuit of God)

Point 2: Our Responsibility to Fellow Believers – Encouragement and Accountability

“A true friend stabs you in the front.” – C.S. Lewis

John 13:34-35 (NKJV) A new commandment I give to you, that **you love one another**; as **I have loved you**, that **you also love one another**. By this **all will know** that you are My disciples, **if you have love for one another**.

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV) And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works**,

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and **so much the more** as you see **the Day approaching**.

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV) Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV) As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

James 5:16 (NKJV) “**Confess your trespasses to one another**, and **pray for one another**, that **you may be healed**. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”