

Message: Being Salt and Light in a Chaotic World

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Eph. 4: 20 – 32, 1 Peter 2: 1 – 17

1) God works in three arenas: Personal, Family, Kingdom
All which take a personal decision to be involved with.

2) Some Overriding issues face today:

- a) Society has lost it's compass - Isa. 5: 20
- b) No longer tell the difference between inherited traits, acquired behavior
- c) The concept of the **"Flesh needing to be crucified"** not taught/ understood
- d) Why have we gotten do far off track? Church has lost anointing...
 - There is no godly conviction from the pulpits.
 - Church would rather appease the masses, then preach the truth.
 - Half-truth that all sin is all the same. No problem living in it.
- e) Modern Society solutions - Move the goal post.
 - The church has to keep a beachhead of Light and Truth, no matter how unpopular it is. (Eph. 4: 20 – 32)

3) Can a Christian be a strong vibrant citizen without compromising their faith?

- a) Common ideas that Church and Politics don't mesh.
- b) Jesus was asked if we should pay taxes - Matt. 22:15
- c) Google search - What is a Good Citizen
- d) Quote from 14 Year old Vermont Student

4) 1 Peter 2: 1 – 17

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| Vr. 1 - Have Character | Vr. 2 - Accept Your Assignment |
| Vr. 11- 12 Have Morals | Vr. 13 Respect Authority |
| Vr. 16 - Live as Free People | Vr. 17 Respect Everyone |

5) The Church over the years – Has gotten it wrong about who is responsible for our nations Decline.

6) Can godly behavior, godly people, godly values impact a Nation?

- a) Deut. 23: 14 – God is attracted to people who fear Him and honor Him
- b) Prov. 14:34 - Righteousness exalts a nation
- c) Psalm 33:12 - Blessed is the Nation who's God is the Lord.