

Election 2016
The Need for a Salty Environment
October 29th & 30th, 2016

Matthew 5:13
“You are the salt of the earth...”

The Preserving Influence of Salt

“The primary purpose of salt was not as a flavoring but as a preservative. Disciples are to hinder the world’s corruption.”¹

“Salting, especially of meat, is the process of preserving food with salt. This method draws out moisture that causes decay. Also, most bacteria, fungi, and other disease-causing organisms cannot survive in such a salty environment. Meat salted in cold weather (so it does not spoil before the salt has time to take effect), can last for many years.”²

The Preserving Influence of Christians

❖ Christians are to be the Godly influencers of the cultural environment, preserving the truth of God’s Word in every sphere of life, including the political sphere!

Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

❖ The Word of God is the preserving influence of any culture!

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor.”

- George Washington, Oct.3, 1789

“We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves according the Ten Commandments of God.”

- James Madison, Fourth U.S. President

❖ Christians will be hated and persecuted for holding to God’s Word as the final judge of our actions!

📖 John 17:14-18

The Preserving Influence of God’s Word

Key Issues include ...

❖ Sanctity of Life

Psalms 139:13-14 “For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.”

“Planned Parenthood says in its new 2014-2015 annual report, which was released this month, that its affiliates around the country did 323,999 abortion procedures in the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30, 2014 and that those affiliates received \$553.7 million in ‘government health services grants and reimbursements’ in the year that ended on June 30, 2015.”³

2 Kings 21:16 “Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.”

❖ Redefinition of Marriage

Matthew 19:4-6 “[Jesus] answered, ‘Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.’”

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 guaranteeing the right for people of the same sex to marry, thereby forcing all 50 states to comply with a radical new redefinition of marriage.

↳ This right applies to the LGBT-Q community which is “Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Queer or Questioning”. Homosexuality includes Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual.

Romans 1:24-27 “For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

❖ Religious Freedom

📖 Acts 4:1-3, 19-20; 5:29

“It is the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons, to worship the SUPREME BEING, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for worshipping GOD in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience...” - John Adams, Second U.S. President; First Vice-President

❖ Right to Die

Psalms 139:16 “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

Luke 12:25 “And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

↳ God determines our time to die!

A Salty Environment – Proclaiming the Word of God!

📖 Acts 6:7, 8:25, 15:35, 19:20

Philippians 2:14-16a

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the Word of life, ...”

Endnotes:

¹ Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

² "Fact Sheet 2: Salting." *History.org*. © The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 2006. <<http://history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume5/images/factsheets.pdf>> Web.

³ Starr, Penny. "Planned Parenthood's New Annual Report: 323,999 Abortions; \$553.7M in Government Money." *CNSNews.com*. Media Research Center, 30 Dec. 2015. <<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/penny-starr/planned-parenthoods-new-annual-report-323999-abortions-5537m-government>> Web.

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