

The Influence and Witness of a Transformed Life (Matthew 5:13-16)

13“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. **14**“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15**Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16 ESV)

15I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. **16**They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18**As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. (John 17:15-18 ESV)

Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6**And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. **7**So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” (Genesis 6:5-7 ESV)

7But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.**10**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (2 Peter 3:7-10 ESV)

14But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. **15**For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, **16**to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? (2 Corinthians 2:14-16 ESV)

19And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. **20**For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (John 3:19-20 ESV)

11But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (1 John 2:11 ESV)

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