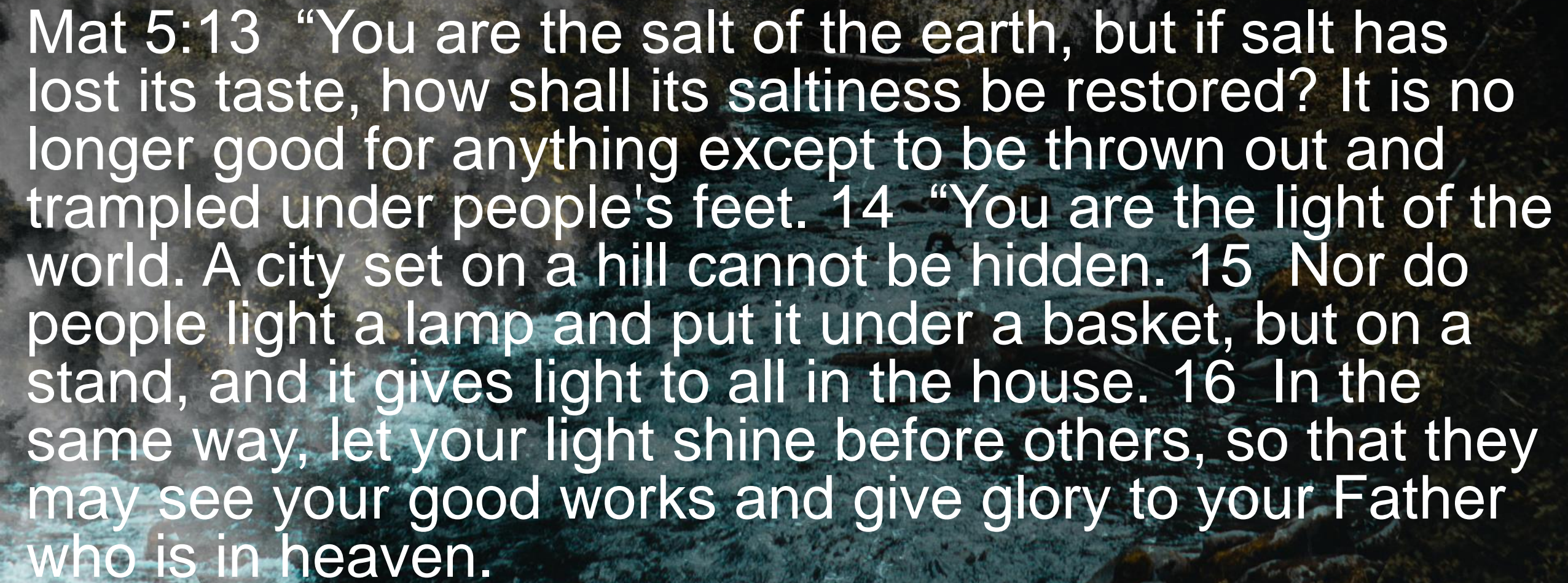




Shofar Christian Church

Christians in Society

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Mat 5:13 “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.

Legacy

- Widespread social action as a result of revival
- Transformation through passion for social justice and sensitivity to human wrongs
- Change to moral character of nations Charles Finney – “the church’s neglect of social reforms grieved the Holy Spirit and hindered revival”.



Legacy

Choice:

1. Escape
2. Engage



Our Mandate

1 Timothy 4:4

4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

James 1:27

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Our Mandate

Psalm 33:13-15

13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

Our Mandate

Psalms 146:7

7 who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

Exodus 34:6

6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

Church's Mandate

- William Temple delivered this challenging statement
- “The church is the only cooperative society that exists for the benefit of non-members”
- Parable of good Samaritan – social, emotional and physical needs

Influence on Government

- The purpose of government is to protect the life, liberty and the property of all individuals in a country by punishing evildoers and encouraging the righteous.

Romans 8:19-21

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.



Influence on poor

Luk 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news
to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the
captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at
liberty those who are oppressed,
Psa 146:7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the
prisoners free;

Influence on poor

Psalms 82:3 - 4 calls us to “defend the poor and fatherless, do justice to the poor and needy. Deliver the poor and needy...”.

Prov 21:13; “Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.”

Prov 14:31; “He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honours Him has mercy on the needy.”



Influence on poor

Matthew 25:31-46