

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Christians Are Influential People

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction: As we studied the opening words of the Sermon on the Mount which described the character of all of us as believers, it is obvious that there is a difference between a Christian and a non-Christian. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. How then are we to relate to the world? What are we to do for the world? Three alternatives are open to us.

One alternate is *identification*. We can become so involved in the world that we actually become like the world. This is the apparent choice of numerous Christians today. This is what led Gandhi (a committed Hindu) to say once, "I would consider becoming a Christian if I ever saw one." Sometimes we become so identified with the world we are not distinguishable from the world.

A second alternative is *isolation*. Afraid that we will be contaminated by the world, we isolate ourselves from the world. This alternative is also chosen by many believers today. It is true; we are not to be like the world or of the world. However, sometimes we become so isolated from the world we no longer have an impact on the world.

Jesus suggested a third alternative. We are not to identify with the world nor are we to isolate ourselves from the world. Rather, we are to *influence* the world.

In defining our influence, Jesus used two common domestic metaphors, salt and light. Every home is familiar with these things. These two metaphors have implications about our influence as Christians on the world. What are the implications?

- I. The _____ of being a Christian

- II. The _____ of being a Christian

- III. The _____ of being a Christian



Sunday, September 6, 2020

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Welcome.....Gary Morgan

Praise and Worship

Nothing But The Blood
Grace Greater Than Our Sin
No Wonder (Roar of The Rugged Cross)

Remembering 911

Prayer.....Larry Gipson

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir & Praise Band

He Will Hold Me Fast
Sara Hester, Lonnie Funderburg, soloists

Message.....Larry Gipson

Living As Christians
Christians Are Influential People
Matthew 5:13-16

Time of Commitment

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Closing.....Larry Gipson

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band

Nothing But The Blood

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of Lee Davis
placed by Betty Davis and Family.

SEPTEMBER MAGAZINES AND DEVOTIONS

are on the table outside the office.

YOUTH PIZZA LUNCH

All the Youth, Parents, Youth Leaders, and Youth Advisory Committee are invited to lunch Sunday, September 13, after the 10:30 service. At the meeting, we will discuss a calendar of events and make plans for the future.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OFFERING

We are accepting donations for our Operation Christmas Child project. The funds will be used to purchase items for the boxes and to pay shipping.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **September 6-12**
Ezekiel 35-48, Joel 1-3

DISASTER RELIEF

Thank you to everyone that brought bottled water by the office this week! It will be delivered to Louisiana. We are accepting donations to the "Disaster Relief" fund.

DEACONS BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, September 12
Breakfast at 7:30 and Meeting at 8:00. Please contact Andrea if you plan to attend.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 13, 6:00 at Cornerstone Church.
Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a time of worship outdoors!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We have a Sunday School class that meets in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. There is a rotation of teachers each week. Jim Henderson will be teaching on Sunday, September 13. Social distancing will be maintained and masks are encouraged. The class is available through Zoom on Sunday morning or Livestream, during the week. If you have questions, please call the church office. Everyone is invited to participate!

The CDC and Church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

Our Response to God's Faithfulness
Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....\$61,367.26
Budget Receipts To Date in August\$58,535.81