

"Give Us This Day"

Matthew 5: 13 - 16

March 23, 2011

Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)

5. We must be taught the enlightening nature of righteousness, (vs. 14 - 16)
- a. Those who have been transformed in righteousness ARE the light, (vs. 14a); *"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, ESV)*
 - *"Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 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, " (Philippians 2:14-15)*
 - b. Those who have been transformed by righteousness CAN NOT hide the light, (vs. 14b); *"No one after LIGHTING a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who ENTER may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore BE CAREFUL lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, HAVING no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light." (Luke 11:33-36)*
 - c. Those who have been transformed by righteousness openly DISPLAY the light, (vs. 15); *"And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'" (Acts 26:15-18)*
 - d. Those who have been transformed by righteousness TESTIFY to God's glory, (vs. 16); *"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15:7-8)*
 - *"By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, " (2 Corinthians 9:13)*

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)