

Sermon Outline

Title: **Dim Lights; Savorless Salt and Pale Ink**

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Scripture Text: Matt 5: 13-16; II Cor. 3: 2-3

I. **Introduction**

- a. Teams in the USA
- b. All Walks of Life
- c. Language and Phrases using the word “team”.
- d. No one wants to be useless on a team
- e. We are on the Christian Team
- f. Sports Expectations
- g. Jesus’ Expectations
- h. Title of this Sermon: Dim Lights, Savorless Salt, and Pale Ink

II. **Point No. One: Dim Lights (Matt 5: 14-16)**

- a. Jesus told his followers- Ye are the light of the world.
- b. Our Spirituality cannot be hidden
- c. Our light must shine before men
- d. We must have spiritual lights which shine.
- e. Peter, James, and Paul emphasized Glorifying God in all things
- f. Luke 17:18
- g. Healing the 10 Lepers.
- h. Supporting God.
- i. Biblical examples
- j. Demas was a dim light. II Tim 4:10
- k. The Rich Young Ruler. Luke 18:18
- l. Alexander the Coppersmith II Tim 4: 14
- m. Jonah the Prophet: Jonah 1: 1-3
- n. Allegiance to Jesus. Matt 10:32
- o. Share the Gospel Matt 28: 18-20
- p. Defend the Truth. II Tim 4: 2-5
- q. Represent Christianity II Cor. 5:20
- r. Reflect Jesus and his principles

III. **Point No. Two: Savorless Salt – Matt 5:13**

- a. The beauty of Salt
- b. Jesus: Ye are the Salt of the Earth
- c. We must enrich the lives of others.
- d. Earn the respect of others
- e. We don’t want to be savorless salt in a world full of unbelievers
- f. The Christian must affect the world.

- g. The Apostles and the Early Church
 - h. Acts 2:41- Baptized 3,000
 - i. Acts 2: 44- all things in common
 - j. Acts 2: 45- raised money and gave to those in need
 - k. Acts 2: 46- gladness and singleness of heart
 - l. Acts 2: 47- favor with all of the people
 - m. Acts 4:4- Baptized another 5,000
- IV. Point No. Three: Pale Ink**
- a. II Cor. 3:2
 - b. Paul wrote about written epistles- in our hearts.
 - c. People should be able to see us; hear us; engage with us
 - d. We should be like a written letter. A serious document
 - e. At work and other places; how do you act?
 - f. Paul's description is subtle
 - g. Don't let the ink become pale.
 - h. Don't be Compromised by worldly values
 - i. Be Steadfast and faithful
 - j. Becoming Pale does not happen all at once.
 - k. Doing nothing; being lazy; being complacent; not caring
 - l. The 2nd Chapter of II Cor. Representing Jesus to the World
 - m. The full impact of our living epistle- Verse 3 of the 3rd chapter
 - n. The Spirit of God is within us.
- V. Conclusion**
- a. The Christian Team
 - b. Dim Lights, Savorless Salt and Pale Ink
 - c. We must do what we can to avoid becoming like that.
 - d. The Song: Be a Light For Jesus
 - e. Respect for the Lord's Church
 - f. Acts 1:8 Jesus' Final Instructions
 - g. Matt 28: 18-20- Our instructions
 - h. II Tim 2:2
 - i. Watch, Protect and Develop our Christian Persona
 - j. God's people have a tendency to fail in their efforts. They forgot.
 - k. Philip. 2: 5-11. All that Christ has done for us.
 - l. John 14: 1-6. He is Coming Back Again
 - m. James 1: 23-25- We must be hearers and doers of the word.
 - n. We need to take a long look at ourselves
- VI. Invitation**
- a. Hear the Gospel Rom 10: 17 ; I Cor. 15: 1-4
 - b. Believe that Gospel Rom. 10: 10
 - c. Repent of your sins. Luke 13:3
 - d. Confess your faith in Jesus Matt 10:32; Acts 8: 37
 - e. Be Baptized Acts 2: 38
- VII. Members of the Church- Repent and Prayer James 5: 16**