

1. A CHRISTIAN IS PURE LIGHT IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS. Phil.
  1. "Among whom ye shine as lights in the world." 2:15  
Moffatt's rendering is: "where you shine like stars  
(Matt. 5:14) in a dark world."
  2. Christians are not to take light: THEY ARE LIGHT.
  3. Not many of us mind being light: It is easily seen.
2. A CHRISTIAN IS A PRESERVATIVE IN A WORLD OF CORRUPTION
  1. "Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5:13 But:
    1. "If the salt have lost his savor: saving power.
    2. "It is thenceforth good for nothing."
    3. "But to be cast out, trodden under foot of men."
  2. Three lessons we learn from Matt. 5:13-16:
    1. That man's social history is pre-eminently that of influence: Examples:
      - (1) Men of science say, "that they fluttering of an insect's wings send vibrations to the remotest orb of the great field of space. THE BIBLE SAYS
      - (2) "None of us liveth to himself." Rom. 14:7  
"No man dieth to himself." Rom. 14:7
      - (3) By the ever-flowing element of influence, man multiplies his moral self: INFLUENCES OTHERS.
    2. Embodied, active, Christianity renders this influence really great. What man must become Jesus answers: THEY THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS. Matt. 5:16
    3. That you cannot keep this embodied, valuable, influence of Christianity from spreading.
      1. Men will see; men will be influenced for good,  
"And glorify your father which is in heaven."
3. CHRISTIANS ARE THOSE WHO HOLD THE WORLD TOGETHER.
  1. "Righteousness exalteth any nation." Prov. 14:34
  2. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own. Psalms 33:12
4. CHRISTIANS ARE THOSE WHO MAKE KNOWN THE WISDOM OF GOD IN A WORLD OF IGNORANCE. Eph. 3:10, 11
  1. The world might know by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose of God.
5. CHRISTIANS ARE PEACEMAKERS IN A WORLD OF TURMOIL AND STRIFE. Peace must be made...it does not just happen.
  1. Christians are those "who seek peace and pursue it."  
Psalms 34:14
  2. Christians are those who have made peace with God, peace between God and man, peace between man and man.
    1. "Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9

