

Why Believers Must Vote:
Part 2: Because we are to be “the salt of the earth”.

“13. *You are the SALT of the earth.*

*But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again?
It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.”*

Matthew 5:13, New Living Translation

Here’s the context of this verse. Yahsua (the Hebrew name for “Jesus”), has just spoken to a large group of followers. He has delivered to them “bullet-points” on how to act for positioning us to receive God’s blessings. He then concludes that persecutions come to those who live this way for God. Our behavior is noted as different, and often seen as threatening to the world system. He warns us that our change to godly behavior will generate smear campaigns & fake news about us. For darkness to continue reigning, they must keep truth out of the arena.

Next Yahshua talks about us being “the salt of the earth,” as quoted above. Salt is known for 2-things. One is that it seasons, adding flavor to what is bland. The other is that it preserves, so things don’t go bad & rot. In other words, the culture, the society, the governments and even the land will become corrupt if we don’t make a difference in how we live, in how we interact, in how we set a standard of righteousness.

The warning is that we will have no impact on bringing His life into our culture without moving in it to bring change. Withdrawing into religious groups is like keeping the salt isolated in the salt shaker. Their good works are no threat to ruling powers of darkness. These good works (apart from His Life), are from the same tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. They don’t care how big the salt shakers are, or how many there are on the table. It is only when the salt is added to the stew, the brew of humanity, that it brings change...of flavor, from death to life.

We live out His nature in many different ways; through words of life, through how we handle situations and through how much fruit of His Spirit is evident in our lives. In our love for Yahshua, we seek to be identified with Him, with the winner. We are sensitive to His Spirit to guide us in expressing His life in many different ways. One simple way is to vote. We can vote our values by voting for the candidate who will be most apt to rule in a way that lines up with truth, with the ways of God. Voting is supporting a fellow seeker of truth to be positioned to be able to make godly decisions. The more of these people who are voted into authority, the more conducive is the community/state/nation for the religious liberty that is so important in our spiritual walk, (1Timothy2:1-3). Perhaps we are even called to run for one of those leadership spots.

To ignore this call to change (including by voting), ends in disaster. We see violence in burning cities as a result. When the wicked rule, then we get trampled under their feet. A stark warning of this reality is seen in the election choice of Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in 2016 for President. The insane rage against President Donald Trump by the fake-news-Democrat-controlled-mainstream-media is evidence that he is making a difference for righteousness, exposing their corruption, and bringing them to justice. The devil is furious because he knows his time is short. He sees the sleeping believers are rising up to make a difference as the salt in the earth, (including by voting). The devil can no longer confine us to the religious world!

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