

The Book of Colossians

Theme:

“ALL YOU NEED IS CHRIST!”

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Text: Chapter 4:5-6



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STUDY NOTES:

(vv. 5,6) **5** Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. **6** Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

-Be wise (**Eph 5:11-20**)

-Best use of time - use very opportunity; (**Gal 5:13-16; 6:7-10**)

-Graceful talking (**Eph 4:25-32**)

- and Salt (**Mt 5:13; Mk 9:50; Luke 14:34,35**)

-Giving an answer for your faith (**2 Cor 5:11-17; 1 Pet 3:14-17**)

LIFE APPLICATION:

1. What are the ways in which we train ourselves to speak and answer others for Jesus?
2. How can we make the best use of our time as Christians walking in wisdom?

“Christ also calls His disciples “the salt of the earth” (Matt. 5:13) and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14); for they preached just as John did. In the first place, they salted the entire world; that is, they preached repentance to all that dwell on the face of the earth; they rebuked and salted all that is flesh and human, because it is putrid and decayed with sin before God.

Furthermore, they proclaimed that the world’s wisdom, holiness, divine worship devoid of God’s Word, and man’s own pious inventions and fabrications have no value at all before God, yes, that they are an abomination to Him and are damned by Him. This is why they were called “the salt of the earth.” Later they were also termed “the light of the world”; for they did not only salt, but they also radiated light.

That is, they preached grace and forgiveness of sin to the penitent in the name of Christ, comforting them with the assurance that Christ crushed Satan’s head (Gen. 3:15), that God’s wrath and His judgment against sin have been satisfied and stilled, and that now the promise that through Christ all the earth’s nations shall be blessed (Gen. 12:3) has been fulfilled. In other words, all who believe in Christ are delivered from sin and death, justified before God, and have eternal life.

This is vouchsafed by Christ Himself in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” As many as heard their sermon and believed in Christ were saved. And subsequently the apostles’ disciples and, after them, all the pious and God-fearing bishops and teachers preached the same way.

They, too, preached repentance and forgiveness of sin in the name of Christ as they directed the people to Christ. But then false teachers and heretics grew apace in number, perverting the pure doctrine and spreading the fabrications of their own mind. However, God still raised up a few devout and learned men who opposed the heretics and restored the doctrine with varying clarity from time to time.”