

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Unshakable... **Now What?**

Mathew 5:10-12...

- What price are **we willing to pay** for our unshakable relationship with Him?
- What price was **He willing to pay** to provide it for us?

Thoughts by **Tim Keller**

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Matthew 5:13, "You are **the salt of the earth**; but if **the salt loses its flavor**, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."

Eating Grits...

- Do you like flavor?

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What is the flavor of **Vs. 13?** (**Vs. 3-12**)

How do we obtain it?

- **Psalm 119:27**, "Help me understand the meaning of Your precepts, so that I can **meditate on Your wonders.**"

The **flavor of God's ways** is obtained by **meditating in His Word**

- This flavor is gained by meditating on **Vs. 3-12**

Meditating is:

- **Luxuriating** in His Word like a Hot Tub...
- **Marinating** in it until His flavor is resident in me

Ignoring or neglecting it will result in "losing" it

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What happens when we **lose God's flavor** in our lives?

- It becomes tasteless and unappealing?

Far Worse!!

- Worse than **devoid of value** for consumption
- "It is no longer good for anything, except to be **thrown out and trampled underfoot.**"

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The phrase "**loses its flavor**" means:

- To "become stupid"
- The **rejection & violation** of the value that was there
(Made in God's image & likeness)
- To become **contrary to** who Christ is (**Vs. 3-12**)

You cannot **lose** what you did not first have...

- He just gave it to us (**Vs. 3-12**)

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Vs. 13-16, "You are" (assuming our reception)

Vs. 14, "You are **the light of the world.**"

- Light cannot "become" Un-light
- It cannot "lose" its light-ness

"A city that is set on a hill **cannot be hidden.**"

Light either is, or it is **NOT!**

- If it is not, there is **only darkness**
- A **Black Hole**
- There is no residue, like tasteless salt

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Vs. 15, “Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but **on a lampstand**, and it gives light to **all who are in the house.**”

- For light to not be seen, it must be kept out of sight

Vs. 16, “Let your light **so shine** before men, **that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**”

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- **We are the wick**
 - **Vs. 3-12 is the fuel**
 - **The Spirit of Christ is the flame**

Colossians 2:9-10, “For the entire fullness of God’s nature **dwells bodily in Christ**, and **you have been filled by Him**, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

Our purpose is... **all of who He is... in all of who we are.**

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The Sermon of The Mount, **Matthew 5-7**

- **5:1-19** – What
- **5:20-7:27** - How