

# SERMON NOTE: Becoming A Contagious Church- Authentic Life of Holiness and Power

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Bible Ref: Matthew 5:17-20 NIV

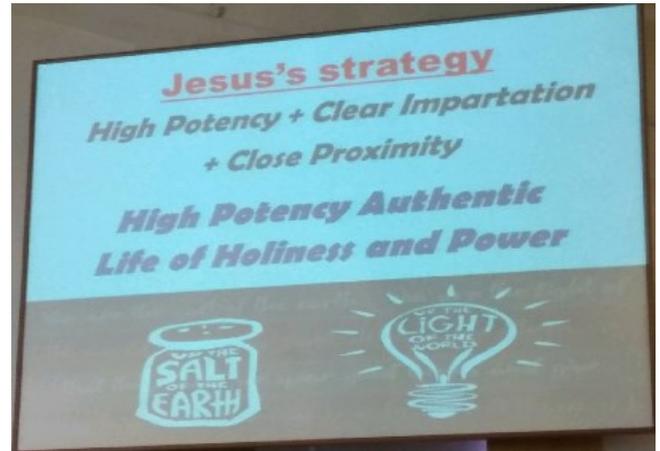
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.5.17-20.NIV>

JESUS called us the Salt and Light of the world, is a privilege and we shall live worthy for such a privilege.



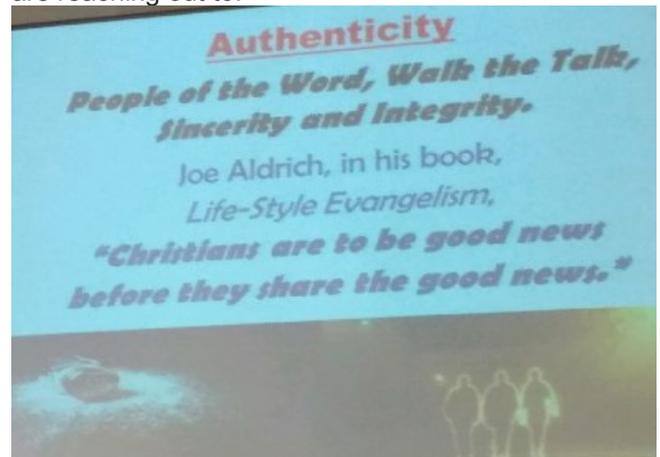
What's JESUS purpose? What shall we do?



JESUS go on to live right by preaching the sermon on the mount.

We are to live and walk the talk, in authentic way of life.

We have to be real, to be able to influence people we are reaching out to.

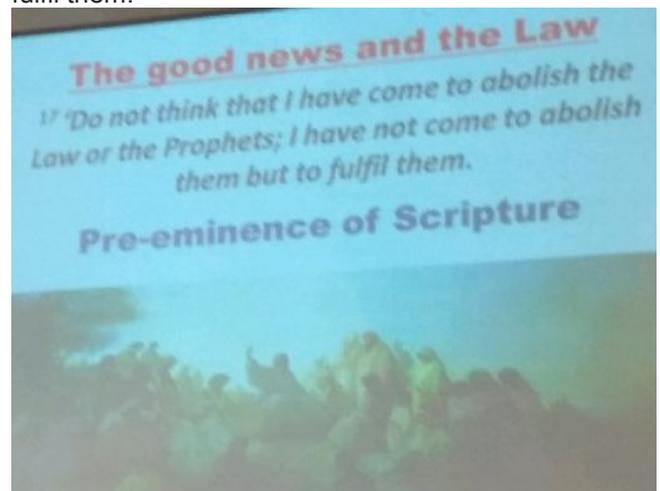


Refer to the Bible passage v17-20

## The Good News and The Law

V17

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## Something Old, Something New!

JESUS came as Fulfilment of the Old Testaments

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*Fulfil is pleero means to fill, fill up, Complete.*

**Prophecy concerning Jesus in OT fulfilled**

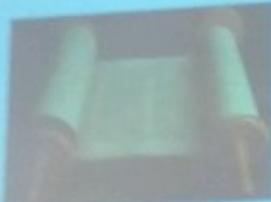
Jesus fulfilled the Law by his life, death, resurrection, and his return.



V18

**Jesus has extremely high view of the OT**  
*For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

**Perfection and Permanence of Scripture**



V19

**Honour every part of scripture**  
*Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches... will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great...*

**Live and teach every part of scripture**



V20

**Seek righteousness beyond the Pharisees**  
*For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

**Seek true righteousness of the heart not external conformity for greatness**

Spirit Not the letter of the law  
loyalty not legalism



Be Loyal but Not Legalistic!

We are to live in True Righteousness- from our hearts.

**Extraordinary Righteousness**  
*"You have heard it said...but I tell you..."*

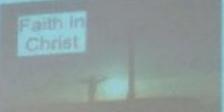
- No anger – extraordinary love for people.
- No lustful thoughts – extraordinary purity.
- No divorce – extraordinary marital covenant.
- No need of oath – extraordinary trustworthiness.
- No retaliation – extraordinary love of enemies.
- No agenda in giving help – extraordinary generosity.



How can we Fulfil such Righteousness?

**How can we fulfil such righteousness?**  
**Philippians 3:8-9**  
*What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*

**By grace through faith in Christ**



**ONLY by faith in CHRIST!**

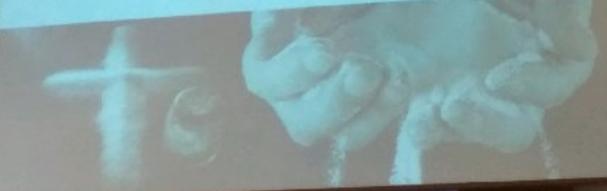
**Given the new heart and spirit**  
**Ezekiel 36:26-27**  
*26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

**Transformation of the Heart**



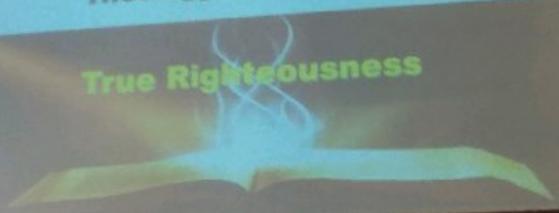
This Heart is a Heart of Love, Love for GOD and People.

**That's how they stand out as the salt and light!**  
*For they will become merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers even at the expense of being persecuted.*



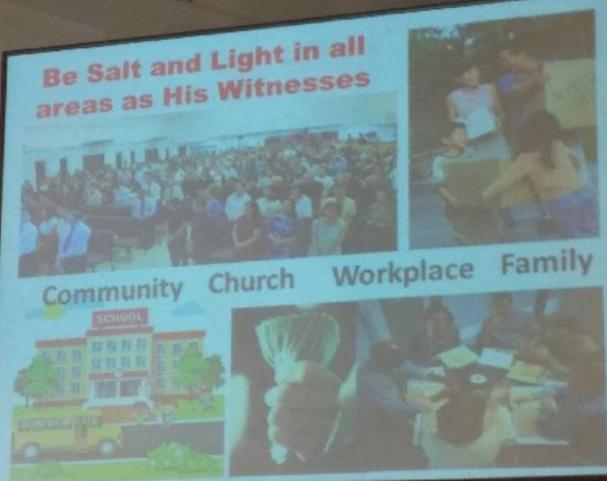
**Hearts of love for God and one another as we are being filled with the Spirit**  
*Practice our faith in accordance to The essence not form, Theology not tradition.*

**True Righteousness**



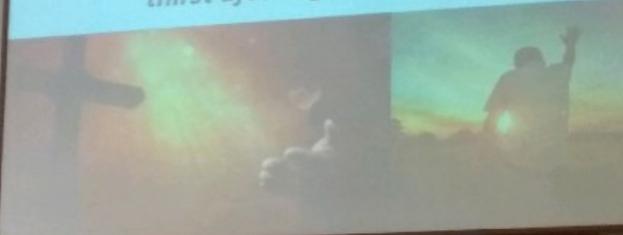
**Be Salt and Light in all areas as His Witnesses**

Community Church Workplace Family



**Be Salts and Light in all areas of our life!**

**It is the Beatitude people who display such heart of righteousness!**  
*Those who are poor in the spirit, who mourn, are meek and thirst after righteousness.*



**Holy Lighters**  
**Be Salty**  
**Pass on His Light**

**BE A CONTAGIOUS CHURCH**  
**All Glory to God**

