

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Perfect Unity Demonstrated

Taste, Sight & Presence

Think of some **foods** you enjoy that are enhanced by certain **spices**.

- My father's heart problems (**No salt**)
- Ms. Dash
- Most people like **food & seasonings**
- U.S.A. has the whole world's menu

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Jesus said that His followers are **the salt** of the earth. (**Matthew 5:13**)

- We are to be God's flavoring where we live
- He then said that if that salt loses its flavor, it is **good for nothing**.
- We want to be good for something, don't we?
- Do we live as the **flavor of the Lord** among those around us?

If not, **why not?** If not, **then what?**

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Can we bring **His fullness** without each other? (**Romans 12:4-5**)

- We are not called any of us to the monastic life.
- We need to need each other (**Ephesians 4:12-16**)
- The world around us needs us to be that way. (**John 13:34-35 & 17:20-23**)

He said **we** are **the light of the world**, and not hidden. (**Matthew 5:14**)

- Western Washington power outages
- **What do we do** when the power is out at night?
- We turn on battery powered lanterns in our house.
- Some people even light candles.

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What if we had guests or neighbors in, to provide comfort for them?

- Would we let them stumble around in the dark?

The darkness of **life without Christ** is a far greater need.

- Is it our purpose to provide light for them, that they not needlessly stumble?

If not, **why not?** If not, **then what?**

If not, are we keeping **His light** under a basket? (**Matthew 5:15**)

- He exhorts us to **shine our light** clearly...
- That how we live **can be seen** by those we live among...

- That being seen **glorifies God our Father** in their sight.

So, how do we **invite people** to “Come and see”? (**Acts 2:42-47**)

- **1) Our homes, 2) Our congregation, 3) With food**

Not spiritual enough? God is very practical

If not, **why not?**

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He tells us to ask for God’s will **on earth now**, just as it is in heaven. (**Matthew 6:10**)

He tells us that the kingdom of heaven is **His influence in us...**

- Deposited amidst those we live among. (**Matthew 13:33**)

Do we live to **demonstrate the influence of Christ in us**?

If not, **why not? If not, then what?**

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If only we had a program. **Churches like programs** these days.

- We do have an example of people who lived like that...
- And how God responded to it. (**Acts 2:42-47**)

Can we be that same type of active presence together?

If not, **why not? If not, then what?**

- If so, then quite possibly **Acts 2:47**.
- We can only **do our part, and trust God to do His**.

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“Our Father” (**Matthew 6:9**)...

- My Father only lives within **Our Father**
- Our **Perfect Unity** cannot be demonstrated alone
- We are born again into **The Body of Christ**