
Asking the opposite question...

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

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Galatians 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:19 (RSV) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hell, and the “right” of self-exclusion

Matthew 5:45 (RSV) ...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

⁴⁶ *For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?*

⁴⁷ *And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?* ⁴⁸ *You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

■ “Absolute hospitality becomes difficult when the unrepentant perpetrators sit down with their unhealed, violated victims. Such a perverse view of hospitality would actually enthrone violence because it would leave the violators unchanged and the consequences of violence unremedied.” Biblical theologian Miroslav Volf

■ *2 Thessalonians 1:9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.*

“I would pay any price to be able to say truthfully, ‘All will be saved.’ But my reason retorts, ‘Without their will, or with it?’ If I say ‘Without their will,’ I at once perceive a contradiction; how can the supreme voluntary act of self-surrender be involuntary? If I say ‘With their will,’ my reason replies ‘How if they will not give in?’” -C. S. Lewis

■ *Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

⁷ *Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.*

■ ⁸ *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* ⁹ *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

¹⁰ *For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!* ¹¹ *Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus*

■ *Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

What about the Crusades?

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Jihad in Islam