

Living Lights, Pt 3 - The value if the individual within the community

Review of last week: *We have to choose “what” we are.*

In **Matthew 5:13-16**

When Salt and Light begin to take on characteristics of other things, they become less of what they should be.

That if we choose to be a Christian than people should not be surprised when they find out that we are.____

John 13:35 *“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”(NASB)*

Of all the characteristics that Jesus could have picked, it was the virtue of love that He gives us as the single most important identifier for those who claim to be His followers. The interesting thing here is that Love is not only a virtue, it is also an emotion, and a choice._____

#2 - We have to choose to connect

A - Here is an interesting question: Why do we build churches?_____

B - Paul and the expansion of the church

When Paul would travel from place to place there was one thing that was always first on his list...???

Acts 13:4-5 / Acts 13:14 / Acts 14:1 / Acts 17:1-2

To those who knew Christ_____

To those who do not know Christ_____

C - The establishment of the church around the world has. Historically, been the greatest forced for the stabilization and development of every nation that the Gospel has gone into.

Even the secular community recognizes this truth:

