Good for Nothing
Matt. 5:13

Introduction:
A. “Good for nothing” — cf. Boy hired to be good.
   1. Things: Land, bitter milk, flavorless salt.
   2. People: Through moral and spiritual decay.
B. “Good for nothing” means it does not serve its purpose.
   1. Flavorless salt may make a good path, but no good as salt.
   2. Christians might make good citizens, parents, etc, but no good as Christian.

Discussion:
II. CHURCHES that are “good for nothing”.
A. Those built on wrong foundation. (1 Cor. 3:11)
   1. Doctrinal error.
   2. Factional spirit.
B. Those with unscriptural practices.
   1. Worship.
   2. Work.
   3. Organization.

III. BAPTISMS that are “good for nothing”.
A. Baptism without faith. (Mk. 16:16; Acts 8:36,37).
   1. Baptized to join a denomination.
   2. Baptized to show salvation.
D. Baptism by sprinkling or pouring. (Rom. 6:4).

IV. RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM that is “good for nothing”.
B. Acts without proper motive. (1 Cor. 13:2,3; Matt. 6:1-6).

V. LIFE GOALS that are “good for nothing”. Ecc. 5:16
A. Materialistic goals. (Mk. 8:36,37).
B. Temporal goals: Wisdom, wealth, physical strength.
C. Religious goals: Earthly kingdom, earthly utopia, etc.

VI. DISCIPLES (church members) that are “good for nothing”
A. Lost influence for good. (Matt. 5:13).
   1. Through worldliness.
   2. Through unbridled tongue. (Jas. 1:26).
   3. Through ungodly attitude.
   1. Do church no good.
   2. Do church harm -- better off without them. (v. 7).
   3. Good for nothing but to gripe, growl, hinder those who want to do good.

Conclusion:
A. What are you good for?
B. “Nothing” if not a faithful Christian.