Wherewith Shall it Be Salted?
Matthew 5:13

Introduction:
A. Explain the text.
B. How much difference does a little salt make? A Little light?
C. How much difference the faithful few in the world make?
   1. If we don't, who will? - “Wherewith shall it be salted?”
   2. How much difference have the faithful few made in the past?

Discussion:
I. The Faithfulness of Noah Preserved Humanity. (Gen. 6)
   A. What if he had be just like everybody else in the world?
   B. What if he had given up because of lack of response to his preaching?

II. The Faithfulness of Ten Could Have Preserved Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:32).
   A. Perhaps if all of Lot's family had been righteous.
   B. Who knows how few it would take to preserve America? (Prov. 14:34).

III. The Faithfulness of Abraham Preserved God's Promise. (Gen. 22:15-18).
   A. What if he had let his emotions ruled his thinking?
   B. What if he had decided God could not mean what he seemed to say? (cf. Heb. 11:19).

IV. The Faithfulness of Joseph Preserved God's Nation. (Gen. 45:5-8).
   A. What if he had let the wealth and power of Egypt spoil him?
   B. What if he had yielded to Potiphar's wife?
   C. What if he had let resentment for his brother's overcome him?
   D. What would have happened to Judah? The Lion of Judah?

V. The Faithfulness of The Exiles Preserved The Remnant.
   A. What about Esther and Mordecai?
   B. What about Daniel, Ezekiel, and others?

VI. The Faithfulness of Jesus Preserved Our Salvation. (Heb. 5:8).
   A. What if he had failed the test of his faithfulness? (Heb. 4:14-16).
   B. What if he had thrown in the towel when others became unfaithful?
      2. Judas' betrayal.
      3. Peter denial.

VII. The Faithful of Apostles Preserved The Bible. (Eph. 3:1-5).
   A. What if they had yielded to all the adverse pressures upon them?
   B. What if they had allowed the conventional wisdom of their day influence them?

VIII. The Faithful of Christians Today Will Preserve the Purity and Peace Of the Church.
   A. If we do not, who will? (cf. text).
   B. If we do not walk worthy of our vocation? (Eph. 4:1) Who will?
   C. If we do not keep the unity of the Spirit? (Eph. 4:3) Who will?
      1. By each seeking peace and pursuing it. (1 Pet. 3:10,11).
      2. By rejecting those who destroy it. (Tit. 3:10; Rom. 16:17,18)
   D. Who will salt the earth, if:
      1. Compromise truth for temporary peace and advantage (Gal. 2:5)?
      2. We do not study and pass the fruits on to other?
      3. We bite and devour one another (Gal. 5:15)?

Conclusion:
A. What difference can we make?
   1. Who will preserve “Christian Values” for the next generation, if we don't do it?
   2. Who will preserve “Christian Homes” for the next generation, if we don't do it?
B. Are you willing to become one of the few who are the salt of the earth?