

The truth in love

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A little is happening at present in regards to prophecy, but nothing I feel like commenting on today. With all that's going on in the world, it's easy to become upset and angry. At governments for passing unjust laws, at television broadcasters for transmitting filth and degradation, and at the general spiritual condition of our churches. I have often sent emails to MPs and organizations about Israel and the state of my own country, hoping that I would have a positive impact and be a force for good in the world, but I have usually had very little response if any. It is important to be a good witness for Christ, and that is something I have failed at terribly.

A friend of mine is having a difficult time at his church here, and during our conversation a couple of days ago, I happened to ask him what Jesus meant when He said we were the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth". My friend's response was that we ought to "confront" the evil, which is pretty much what I had been doing for several years. But I have been thinking about these phrases for the past few weeks, and am trying my best to understand how to be a better "light". I think perhaps it is not necessarily our job to "confront" evil (that is, in the world. Evil in the Church is a different matter). One of the Holy Spirit's tasks is to convict of sin, and I am beginning to think that it is not possible for a believer to have any lasting effect on an unbelieving world without the moving of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men. It's often been said, rather than opposing what is false, preach the truth and men will know how to recognize what is false. Jesus Christ said, "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:15-16). Again he said, "by this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another" (John 13:35). I've been thinking that maybe we can be better lights for the Lord, through spreading the Gospel and showing Christ's love to others, rather than getting angry and fighting against the darkness. Well that's my scattered thoughts anyway, I'm still trying to understand how I can be the light that Jesus spoke of.

Romans 12:21

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.