Salt and Light

August 29, 2013

“*You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.”* (Mat. 5:13, 14)

Bishop James Swanson of the Mississippi United Methodist Annual Conference preached at Asbury UMC here in Holly Springs on August 19, 2013. I remember him saying that Jesus is the Light of the world. Jesus freely gives us his light so that we may share that light in the world. I am reminded that God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, that the world may not perish but have the right to choose eternal life. Our God is indeed the most generous. One song we sing frequently in our churches is “You can’t beat God giving.” The class of 2017 sang “This Little Light of mine” at the closing Rites of Passage ceremony on Tuesday, August 20. President Beckley of Rust College challenged them to go forth in training for the next four years as their light in the world becomes brighter. In their own time, they will become generous in giving light to the world.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, thank you for the light of Jesus Christ that is perfect and is being perfected in each of us. Empower us with the salt that is still salty and is a healing balm for our broken and wounded world. We give thanks for all who have gone before us as salt and light. We give thanks for this moment in history to be a beacon of justice and hope for the world. Lord we are honored and humbled to be your servant. To God be the glory for the things you have done in each of us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Praise be to our God. Amen.

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