

Are YOU a SALTY Christian?



Scripture text: *Matthew 5:13-16* (read) Jesus is speaking.

The Bible calls us **SALT** and **LIGHT**

- Meaning; as followers of Christ we can have a positive impact on our relationships, our sphere of influence (people we are in contact with), our church family and the world.

V13a.) Saltiness: is the Christ-like (Christian) Character the attributes of God in our lives.

Has the SALT lost its flavor?

- If we do not speak and walk in Christ-like character, we will have no effect, no impact, we have no saltiness.



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- If we are not salty, there will be no penetration of spiritual things into the hearts of men.
 - The unsaved will not come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and LORD.
1. When we go out evangelizing we use the term '*Prophetic Evangelism*' or a divine appointment. God will reveal an issue of the heart, of a person we have never met before. This is something that could only happen by the Spirit of God. Prophetic Evangelism (a NOW word) opens the door for them to receive Christ.
 2. We can make a difference but, we must press into the things of God and not be idle or waiting on others to take the initiative.
 3. As our Pastor recently preached, we must walk in the authority of the Spirit that is within us! Walking in our God-given authority requires boldness. It is no time to shrink back but to continue to progress forward in the things of God.

V13b.) Saltiness: to preserve something, creates thirst. Certain types of salt can also be used for purging.

The Dead Sea (Biblically called; The Salt Sea) is a prime example of something very salty. Scripture references to The Salt Sea are found in Genesis 14:3 and also in Numbers 34:3.

The Gulf of Mexico is salty. Ever taste it? When you eat salty things did you notice how thirsty you get? As Christians our lives should create a thirst in others for God.

Reading *Matthew 5:6* of the same chapter, one of the ten Beatitudes speaks of one who thirsts after kingdom things is blessed.

Psalm 34:8 says: Oh taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Can others see or taste your saltiness? Another words; can others perceive, sense, evaluate that you have preserved and treasured what God has deposited within you?



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As we hunger and thirst after righteousness we will be the Salt of the Earth.

As disciples, followers of Jesus Christ we are the Light of the World. *John 8:12.*

Many times when in the mission field peoples' perceptions or discernment is all there is, because of the language barrier. So our salt and light must be evident.

- We must decrease so that He (the LORD) can increase in us. *John 3:30*
- Others destinies hang in the balance and our saltiness can bring them to the light, to God. God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all!

1 John 1:5

- When others perceive or taste of your personal holiness and fruit and perceive that it glorifies God, they will also be encouraged to walk in Eternity, a life **SALTY and full of LIGHT!**



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