



“If you continue in My word,
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

The Salt of the Earth

Matthew 5:13 “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

Jesus gives His disciples a tremendous complement here in calling them the salt of the earth. Salt is a very useful and valuable commodity in our day, but nothing like what it was in the time Jesus spoke these words. Back then, salt was so valuable it was used as a form of money and at times wages were even paid in salt! Today, we still have many important uses for salt. We use it as a flavor-enhancer, a cleanser, an ice-melter, a thirst-creator, a preservative for meats, and hundreds of other things. How can we apply these uses for salt in the spiritual realm, and how do they help us to understand what it means to be the “salt of the earth”? _____

How is Jesus’ statement that we are the “salt of the earth” a capstone for all the verses that precede it in the beatitudes?

Jesus used this same theme of salt at the end of His teaching on what it takes to be a true disciple in Luke 14:34,35. The verse right before it says that “whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.” How are the

beatitudes and forsaking all that we have related to one another? _____

How does someone “lose their savor”? What does that look like? How can we make sure we don’t lose our saltiness? _____

Jesus said that salt is good for nothing if it isn’t “salty”. Could it be that the reason that Christianity and the Gospel are being “trodden under foot” in our day is that the church lost its saltiness? What are the things in the church that our culture has become disgusted with over the last 10-20-30 years?

How Salty Are You?

1. Do others ‘taste’ and ‘smell’ Christ when they are around you?
2. Have you forsaken all that you have for Christ or are you holding on to anything?
3. Are the beatitudes becoming your attitudes more and more?
4. Does your life create spiritual thirst in those you have contact with?

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Doers of the Word

Is there anything you need to do to become more salty?

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Further Study: Luke 14, Col. 4:6, II Cor. 2:14-16

“...And you shall know The Truth,
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

