

SERMON ON THE MOUNT





YOU ARE THE SALT...

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Matthew 5:11-14

You ARE the Salt of the Earth

- Valuable
- Necessary
- Desirable
- Useful

You are the Salt of the Earth

- Cure & preserve
- Cleanse & heal
- Enhance the soil
- Enhance flavor



Dead Sea Salt

What KIND of Salt Are You?

- What KIND of fruit do you have?
- What KIND of servant are you?

Christian “Saltiness”

- Christian “Salt” Romans 12:9-21
- Love expressed
- To the brethren
- To the world

Salt In Action

- “Flavor” requires being applied
- We must “mix” with the needy
- Caution: Do we “salt” the world or does the world “salt” us?
- In the world but not of the world

Be Salty – Be Effective – Retain Holiness

- Romans 12:1-2
- Galatians 6:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- 1 Peter 2:12
- John 17:14-17

But if the Salt loses its saltiness...

“...but if the salt **loses its flavor**,
how shall it be seasoned? It is
then good for nothing but to be
thrown out and trampled
underfoot by men.”

How Can Salt lose its saltiness?

- **Worldly corruption (compromise)**
- **Loss of fellowship – due to sin**
- **Loss of testimony – due to sin**
- **Isolationism – holy huddle**

How is it (you) Trampled underfoot?

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Trampled underfoot?

- Witness is voided
- Truth is obscured
- Good is punished
- Evil exalts
- The Gospel is hindered

How Shall it be Seasoned?

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Restoration

“With God all things are possible”

1 John 1:9

Lamentations 3:22-23

Conclusion

- We are salt – if we have been born again
- We are responsible for our obedience and submission to allow the Lord to keep us clean and effective and to use us.