

Salt

Matthew 5:13-16

Many terms describe the Christians in New Testament.

Salt graphically describes Christian influence & work

Details the impressionable force of Christians in world

We are to be a blessing to world in which we live - **Matthew 5:13**

You Are The Salt/Salt Is Good

A symbol of life due to use as preservative, purifying & seasoning

Penetrates = Salt will pull out the moisture that leads to decay.

Preserves, used to cure hams.

Purifies. = Soak injuries in salt

Adds taste - enhances food.

Christian influence and effect upon the world is to be for good.

Christians - as Christ's workers- are the only real preserving and purifying power that penetrates the world - **Matthew 10:16**

God has chosen you for this work.

There is great power in you to influence people.

They will remember & dwell on good. Just the presence & action of godly people can influence many - **1Timothy 4:11-12, 16; 1Peter 3:1-4**

Of The Earth

The earth is in the process of decay without salt - **1John 2:16; Philippians 2:14-16**

The world is definitely perishing without the influence of Christ - **Mark 9:50**

Have Salt In Yourselves - **John 15:1-4**

Jesus makes us the power & influence for good - **Galatians 2:20**

Lost Its Saltiness/Lost Its Taste

A danger is for Salt to become mingled with some other substance and loose its power.

Christians must be on guard of becoming impure.

Don't become adulterated by worldliness - **Romans 12:2; Malachi 2:6**

If we lose our "Saltiness" we are "Good for nothing"

Are You Salt?

Through Jesus we are God's influence in this world

Through Jesus we are God's preserving power

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