

## Flavorless Salt

We put salt on everything. From French fries to fresh corn on the cob, from scrambled eggs in the morning to soup in the evening. Salt is the one seasoning that almost always finds a place at the table. Even sweet treats like caramel and chocolate often include a pinch of salt to balance and enhance flavor. It's no wonder that food manufacturers include salt in virtually everything to canned vegetables, frozen dinners, sauces, snacks, and baked goods all depend on it to bring out their best taste.

Salt makes a difference. Without it, many foods taste bland or dull. But have you ever tasted salt that had lost its flavor? It's rare, but it can happen, especially if it's contaminated or has sat too long. Jesus used this idea as a powerful spiritual lesson.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told His disciples: *"You are the salt of the earth; 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."* Matthew 5:13.

When Jesus speaks of us as "the salt of the earth," He means that our lives should make a difference. Just as salt adds flavor, preserves food, and purifies, so Christians should influence the world around them for good. But if we lose that distinctiveness, our Christlike attitude, our love, our truth, our faith, then we become like flavorless salt: good for nothing.

It's a sobering warning. A life once useful to God, once full of influence, can lose its saltiness. That can happen when we conform to the world instead of being transformed by Christ as in Romans 12:2. When we hide our faith instead of living it boldly, or when we serve ourselves instead of others, our witness, once sharp and flavorful, can fade into bland indifference.

But there is hope. Our "saltiness" can be restored when we draw near to God again when we rekindle our love for Jesus and renew our devotion to serving others. A life lived for Christ is never bland. It adds spiritual flavor to our homes, our neighborhoods, and our workplaces.

Jesus followed His salt metaphor with this: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16.

To be salty again, we must shine again. That happens when we choose to serve, when we encourage a neighbor, forgive a friend, give to someone in need, or share the hope of the gospel.

So, ask yourself: Have I lost my flavor? Or am I seasoning the lives around me with grace, love, and truth?

Let us be the kind of salt that never loses its savor, a people who make Christ known through lives full of flavor, love, and service.

*"Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing."* Psalm 100:2.

Let's stay salty, for the glory of God.

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