"Pass the Salt"

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Matthew 5:13

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

1. YOU ARE SALT

Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth."

- And salts adds flavor to life.
- More specifically, that which you possess (the gospel) is salt.
- And that message (the gospel) is essential to life.
- Your message (the gospel) preserves life "eternal life".
- Without salt (the gospel) there is only death.

2. YOU CAN LOSE YOUR SALTINESS.

"But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything..."

Luke 14:34-35

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is <u>fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile</u>; it is thrown out.

3. SALT LEFT IN THE **SHAKER** IS USELESS.

The salt shaker <u>may look good</u> set on the table, But <u>unless it is poured out</u>, it is of <u>no value</u>.

CONCLUSION

God wants to <u>FLAVOR</u> <u>our lives</u>, so that we can be <u>FLAVOR</u> to the world.

(John 15:8) "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."