

Matthew 5:13
"Salty Christians"

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1. Introduction

- a. Sermon on the Mount
- a. Jesus used every day items to illustrate
- b. ~~2 Tim 3:15~~ salt flavors every food it seasons

2. Worth of Salt

- a. This picture follows after the 9 Beatitudes
- b. Chemistry $\text{NaCl} = \text{Sodium} + \text{Chloride}$
 - by itself, sodium & chloride can be poisonous
 - together essential to life in correct amounts
 - prevents certain illnesses
- c. Lev 2:13 offerings seasoned with salt
 - salt very valuable
 - Roman soldiers paid in salt
 - x word salary comes from Latin word for salt

3. Work of Salt

- a. Christians in the world but not of the world
- b. Salt purifies
 - 120 tons of salt in 1 cubic mile of seawater
 - salt acts as agent against impurities
 - salt kills bacteria & viruses that make people sick
- c. Christian pure religion
 - James 1:27
- d. Salt preserves
 - prevents food from spoiling
 - used for curing meats
 - Christians preserve morality, good citizens, & preserve society
- e. Salt pleases
 - gives pleasing taste to food
 - Christians bring hope, & give blessings to people
 - Col
 - x speech seasoned with salt

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4. Warning for Salt

a. Salt no longer any good, if it loses its flavor

b. Problem

- salt no longer has flavor
- Rom 1:22 thinking themselves wise, they became fools
- Christian no longer influence against evil
- 1 Jn 2:15 love not the world
- too little or too much salt: out of balance

c. Price

- thrown out
- no good for anything
- despised by men
- losing Christian testimony

5. ~~Punish~~

d. Punishment

- Mark 9:50 salt only good if it has its flavor
- when no longer salty, men trample it under their feet as just dirt

5. Conclusion

a. Life of Helen Ewing