

Saltless Christians

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Topic:
SALTLESS CHRISTIANS

Bible Text: Matthew 5:13

Prayer

Glorious God, we thank you for the breath of life. Thank you for another opportunity to learn at your feet. Let your spirit take total control of today's meeting and of the vessel, and may your name be glorified as we eat at your table in Jesus name.

Bible Text

Mathew 5:13 AMP

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste (purpose), how can it be made salty? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and walked on by people [when the walkways are wet and slippery].

Matthew 5:13 KJV

"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.

Introduction

I welcome you all in the name of the soon coming King— Jesus Christ! Please follow today's teaching carefully as the Lord opens our eyes to the reality of His word.

Study

The Lord Jesus went up to the mountain and was seated. Then His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them. This is because they must hear to know and believe; it is what was explained to us that can be known, especially words of the kingdom or spiritual things. They must be explained because we are more used and familiar with the things of the physical than the spiritual. This means that all those who are leaders must make it a point of duty to always teach those they are disciplining because there is no place for assumption. Knowledge does not come in full in a day but like drops of water that later fill a tank.

So, He began to talk about the beatitudes, making them understand the kind of life they are expected to live on Earth to be able to live God's kind of life, which transcends human understanding, in preparation for the kingdom of God. But there came a further teaching from the Lord when He moved to the personality of those who are His children.

Matthew 5:13 KJV "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." The Lord said this straight away, making us see the kind of people we are; we are salts. Salt is an ingredient that gives savor. From this, the Lord is saying that despite being persecuted for righteousness' sake, without us in the Earth, the Earth remains tasteless. The Lord used salt in his explanation because salt is a very important ingredient that no man can do without when cooking. When one does not add salt to the food, it becomes tasteless and unpalatable. But the Lord says further that if the salt loses its savor, how shall it be seasoned? From this, the Lord is saying, as Christians, it is possible to lose one's strength and quality. Salt originally has its taste, but if it loses its taste, it would not be useful anymore. What makes it salt is its ability to provide flavor and change the taste of the food, but the moment it does not have taste anymore, it becomes an ordinary powder that does not have any use.

If we look at salt carefully, we would observe that just a little salt is enough to season a larger quantity of food. One cannot cook a cup of rice with a cup of salt; it will become uneatable. This tells us that only a few numbers of Christians in a place can change the atmosphere of the place. It also means that despite how few the numbers of Christians are in the world, we are enough to bring the taste of righteousness to the world. The problem comes when we ourselves lose our taste; then we become good for nothing. It is good to fear losing one's strength and quality. There are strengths and qualities that must be found in the lives of God's children before they can season the Earth. When a life is void of taste on Earth, then such is not qualified to enter heaven, for it is useless on earth, and what advantage would it have in heaven? This is why the Lord said it categorically in **Mark 9:50 KJV**, "...Have salt in yourselves,..."

This is what differentiates one from others. Other ingredients may be improvised on Earth while cooking, but salt can never be improvised. When we have salt in ourselves, it will be difficult for us to be replaced anywhere we find ourselves. Unfortunately, many Christians today have lost their savor; they no longer have any taste, which is why they have been rendered useless by many and have been cast out and trodden underfoot by men. A Christian that has salt in him can never be trodden underfoot because the

world would see his importance. Being trodden underfoot does not mean persecution; it simply means mockery of God's name.

The moment unbelievers begin to say to us, "And he calls himself a Christian, is that how a Christian should behave?" and statements such as this are coming to us constantly, then we are beginning to lose our savior. It takes conscious effort and determination to maintain one's taste as a Christian, and it is very easy to lose one's taste. We must know the strengths and qualities a Christian that would be salt in the world must have. Let's consider them.

Christians who are salts have this strength in them:

1. **The strength for prayers:** Christians who are seasonings in this world communicate constantly with God and control what happens around them through prayers. They are the custodians of their environment, controlling the spiritual atmosphere as they follow the word of God, which says, "**Pray without ceasing**" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV**). This constant communion makes them powerful in the realm of the spirit. Consequently, they are able to positively influence the physical occurrences for the good of everyone around them, releasing people who are under bondage. This quality makes them tasteful to those around them.

2. **The strength for the study of God's word:** Those with salt in themselves have the strength to immerse themselves in God's word consistently. They understand that without the word of God, their lives would lose correct direction. Like the Berean Christians, they diligently search the scriptures to uncover hidden truths. Applying these truths to their lives, they gain spiritual power to face and overcome challenging situations. Armed with the phrase "it is written," they become sources of guidance for others.

3. **The strength for fasting:** These individuals are like fasting machines, having subdued their pleasures and flesh through disciplined fasting. They are not moved by fleeting pleasures and frivolities, as their spirits are well-controlled by the Holy Spirit. Their flesh being under control allows them to easily walk in the Spirit and remain less concerned about things not of the Spirit. This strength for fasting enables them to endure and remain as salt in the present world.

4. **The strength for praise and worship:** Consistent praise and worship of God transport them into His presence, where they are illuminated. By inhabiting the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3 KJV), God blesses them, making them radiant and joyful.

5. The strength to evangelize: Those with salt in themselves make it a duty to evangelize, passionately sharing the Gospel of Christ with the lost wherever they find themselves.

Unfortunately, the lives of some people have become insipid. If you find it hard to evangelize constantly, you are most likely to have lost your savor.

Qualities of Christians who have salts in them:

1. They have the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
2. They live in peace with others as much as possible (Mark 9:50).
3. The words they speak always edify because they have something to say, not because they have to say something (Colossians 4:6).
4. They are merciful (Matthew 5:7).
5. They do not condone unrighteousness even in themselves and others (Romans 12:9).
6. They constantly mourn for the souls perishing (Matthew 5:4).
7. They would not mind whatever anyone says against their stand for Christ (Luke 6:22).
8. They bless and not curse (Romans 12:14).
9. They speak the truth no matter the circumstances (Ephesians 4:15).
10. They are meek and gentle (Matthew 5:5).
11. They possess a giving spirit (Acts 20:35).
12. They are always seeking the good of others (1 Corinthians 10:24).
13. They are burden sharers (Galatians 6:2).
14. They are not self-centered (Philippians 2:3).
15. They are builders and not destroyers (1 Corinthians 3:9).
16. They seek to please God always rather than men (Galatians 1:10).
17. They often warn people of the dangers of Hell (Matthew 10:28).
18. They correct others in love and rebuke when necessary (2 Timothy 3:16).
19. They are loyal Christians to Christ and their leaders (Hebrews 13:17).
20. They wash their garments of righteousness daily (Revelation 7:14).

Now, check your life carefully and examine yourself to determine whether you still have salt in yourself or if you have lost your savor. I pray for you in the name of Jesus Christ that if you have lost your savor, may the Lord have mercy on you. Amen.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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