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Matthew 5:13-16
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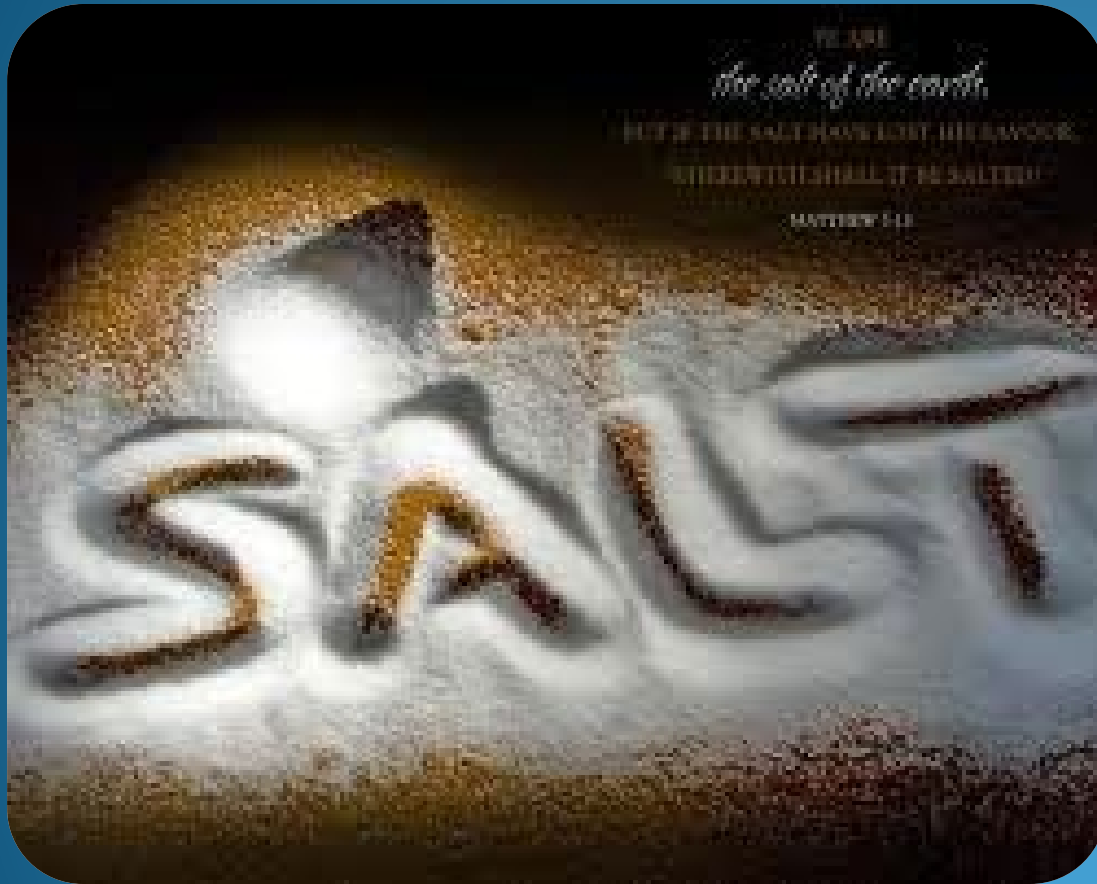


**"You are the salt of the earth.
But if the salt loses its saltiness,
how can it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for
anything, except to be thrown
out and trampled underfoot.**

Matthew 5:13 NIV



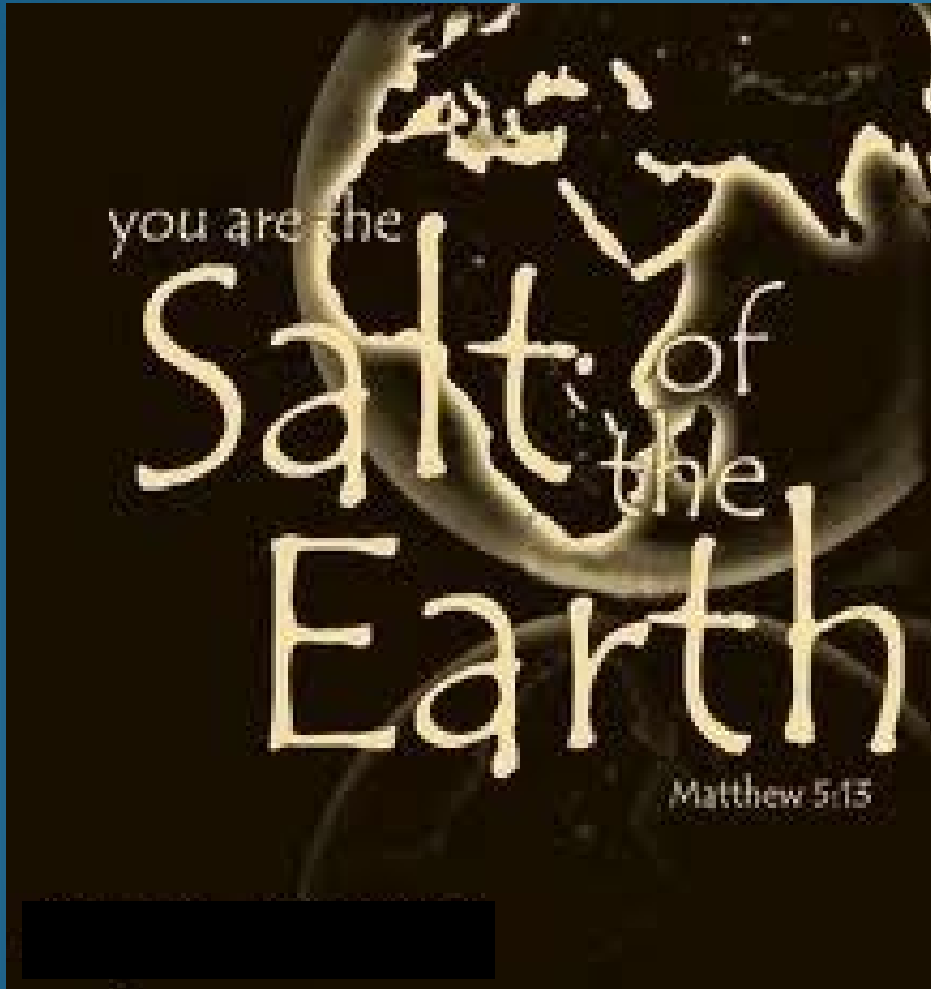
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*"You are the salt
of the earth"*
suggests at least
three things:
purity, preservation,
and flavor.



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Jesus' use of the symbol of salt to describe the disciple emphasizes the call and influence of purity the Christian brings to society.



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Similarly, the
kingdom member
is a preserving
element in society.



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As salt makes the food more "flavored," the disciple as the salt of the earth makes the earth more authentically as it should be.



"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



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"You are the light of the world." The light is a symbol of radiance, of openness, of joy compatible with the "blessedness" expressed in the Beatitudes.



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**There is nothing
secretive about the
Christian
commitment or
way of life.**





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While a light is to
be seen, serving as
a guide for
travelers, it is
basically to be of
service.



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The disciples are lights in the world, not calling attention to them-selves but pointing the way of God. They obtain their light from the One who is the Light of the world.



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"It does little good
to curse the
darkness;
one should light a
candle."
-unknown





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**And the motive is to
illuminate the way
of God for others,
that by seeing our
good works they
may glorify God.**

