

Greetings, dear reader, in the Rich, Royal, Revered and Redeeming Name of JESUS!

We look in this study at the Church as the Salt of the World.

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The key verse is Matthew 5:13, where Jesus told His disciples:

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.

Note the following applications of us as the salt of the world:

1. Salt is used to kill slimy things (i.e. slugs) that eat the green, meaning we have power over evil spirits that would otherwise eat our blessings.
2. In certain countries, during winter conditions salt is used to melt ice on the roads and improve driving conditions. Similarly we as salt are to melt the frigidity of the hearts of people towards Christ and improve the stability of the world's conditions.
3. Salt can be used on cuts to cause them to heal more quickly. We are likewise to bring healing to the nations.
4. Salt is a catalyst. When put on food it brings out the flavour of the various items of food. The food does not change the flavour of the salt but the salt brings out the true flavour in the food. Similarly we are not to change the culture of people but to enhance their flavour with the gospel.
5. Salt on meat goes into the meat and cannot be seen. It does not just stay on the meat but it goes INTO the meat. We are not to just stay on the outside

of the world, looking in, but to go **into** the world and make a difference for Jesus.

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