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thians 10:4-5). And, self (the one other than Christ) must be destroyed (Galatians 2:20; 6:14).

Christians Season Like Salt

Like salt, Christians need to season that which they touch. A faithful Christian will have seasoned words when he speaks (Colossians 4:6), seasoned character as he lives (Philippians 4:8), and seasoned sacrifices as he serves (Romans 12:1).

Christians Preserve Like Salt

Like salt, Christians need to preserve all that is good. A faithful Christian knows that the truth of God's word must be preserved (Proverbs 23:23). He knows the New Testament church must be preserved (2 Timothy 1:13). And, he knows that our national morality must be preserved (Psalm 9:17; Isaiah 60:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14).

You Are the Salt of the Earth

For Christians to be "the salt of the earth" today, two things must

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happen. First, Christians as salt, must make contact with the world (John 17:15). Second, as salt, the Christian must maintain his savor (Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50; 2 Corinthians 6:14ff; James 1:27; Revelation 2:15). Christian, are you worth your salt? Are you "the salt of the earth" for Jesus?

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

You Are the Salt of the Earth

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.
- Matthew 5:13 -

For every one shall be salted with fire. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.
- Mark 9:49-50 -

*Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? ³⁵ It is useless either for the soil or the manure pile, so it is thrown out. The one who has ears to hear,
let him hear.*
- Luke 14:34-35 -

Did you know that about 3.5% of the ocean's water is salt. There are about 2.2 pounds of salt per cubic foot of ocean water. There are about 7 tablespoons of salt in the average human body. Salt is everywhere in our natural world. It is also something mentioned in the

Bible as a part of our spiritual world.

Physical salt that we are very familiar with and use daily is mentioned in different places in the Bible (Genesis 14:3; Numbers 34:3,12; Deuteronomy 3:17; Joshua 3:16, 12:3; James 3:12).

But, did you know that salt is also used in the Bible as a spiritual figure of faithfulness? Christians are to be "the salt of the earth" (See the scriptures quoted at the beginning of this article.)

One would have a hard time not being able to readily identify the look and taste of salt. It has some very distinctive properties and qualities. For example ...

Salt purifies. It is used to clean and sanitize that which is unclean (2 King 2:21; Ezekiel 16:4).

Salt destroys. It will kill and corrode that which it touches (Deuteronomy 29:22-23; Judges 9:45; Ezekiel 47:11; Zephaniah 2:9).

Salt seasons. It makes food more flavorful and palatable (Exodus 30:35;

Leviticus 2:13; Job 6:6).

And finally, salt preserves. When applied to such foods as meat, it will allow the meat to keep and not spoil.

Christians Purify Like Salt

Like salt, Christians need to make themselves pure from the stain of sin. A faithful Christian will purify the sin that is in him through obedience to the gospel (Hebrews 1:3; Titus 2:14; James 4:8; 2 Peter 1:9). And, a faithful Christian purify the sin that is around him in the world through sharing the gospel with others (Matthew 5:13; Mark 9:50).

Christians Destroy Like Salt

Like salt, Christians must destroy all those things that are bad. What must be destroyed? A faithful Christian knows that the "flesh" (sinful thinking) must be destroyed (Romans 8:13). Error (anything contrary to the gospel truth) must be destroyed (2 Corin-