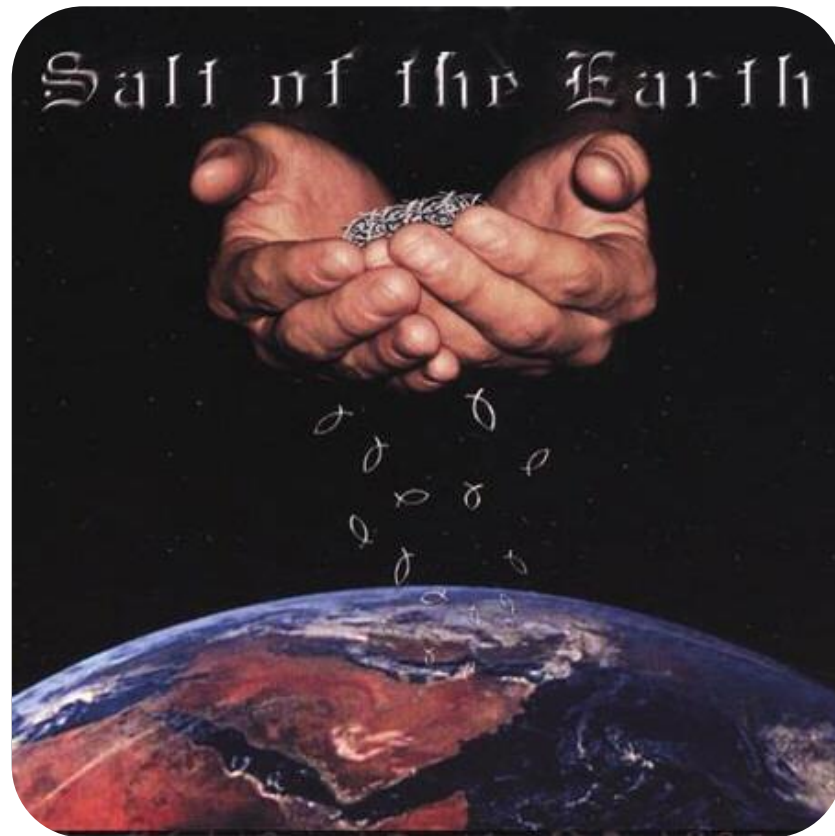




“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its
flavor, how shall it be seasoned.”
(Luke 14:34)

What are the characteristics of salt that render it useful at the Lord's table?

1. Preservative

- True disciples are a preserving influence
- “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Gal 1:8)
- “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Tim 2:2)



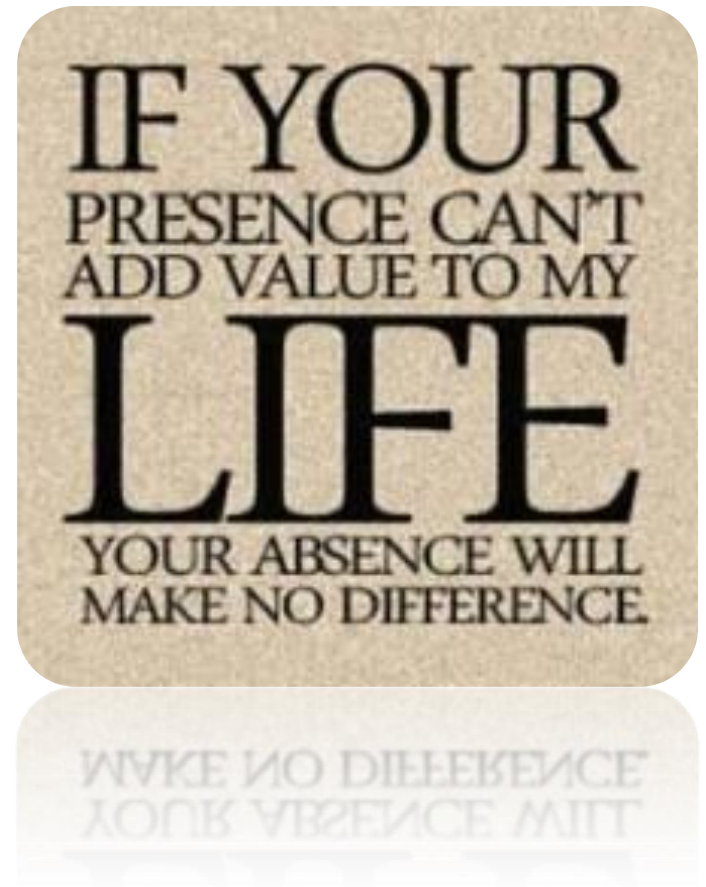
2. Purifies

- “Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, Thus says the Lord: I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.” (2 Kings 2:21)
- A true disciple should have a purifying effect on the world



3. Adds Flavor

- “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”
(Col 4:6)
- A true disciple makes others better



4. Just a little makes a difference

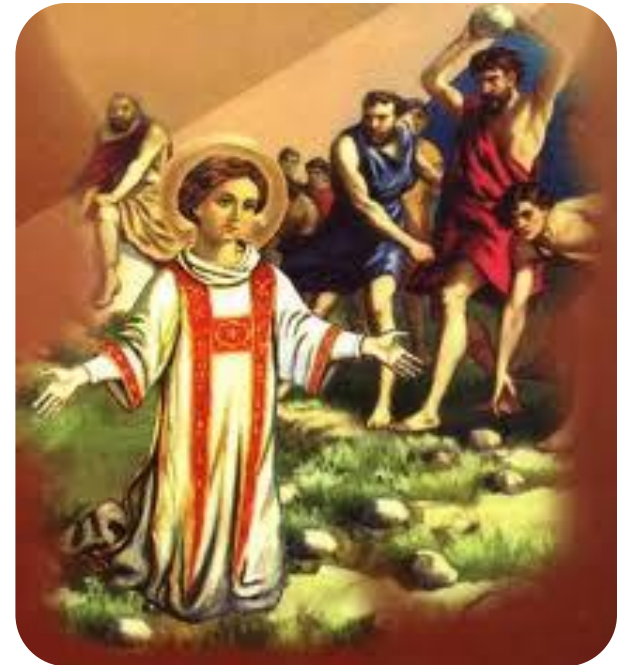
- “And the Lord said to Gideon, The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me.” (Judges 7:2)



5. Induces thirst

- “Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and **they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria**, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. **Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.**”

(Acts 8:1-4)



6. Keeps people afloat

- “...let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.” (James 5:20)



7. Essential for human life

- “It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out.” (Luke 14:35)
- “None of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.” (Luke 14:24)
- The Lord Jesus is looking for serious disciples

