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## SALT

### Luke 14th Chapter



**S**ALT is a purifier, a cleanser and a preserver.

Ye are the salt of the earth, the true children of God, not Babylon. Notice that this is spoken in the present tense: 'Ye are'—*when?* **NOW**. Jesus said 'salt is good' (Luke 14:34) and added: 'have salt in yourselves'. (Mark 9:50.) Purity or righteousness is the thought. We cannot salt the earth if we have not salt in ourselves. (Mathew 5:13.)

Let your speech always be seasoned with salt. (Colossians 4:6) Think right. As a man thinks, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7.) Then talk right, seasoned with salt; then we will walk right. If one walks in the truth and follows Christ, he will have done his part in salting the earth. (Ephesians 5:2.) The real salt class has been and always will be the persecuted class, whereas the persecutors are the class that profess to be the salt. All persecutions have been done in the name of the Lord. (John 16:2.)

Ye are the salt. But, have you the savour? We must have the savour clear down to the finish, (1 Corinthians 9:24) else it is good for nothing. (2 Peter 1:10, 11.) There was a brother who received the truth from another, but now the one that gave it to him is out of the truth altogether. He did not get there all at once, or at one jump, but gradually. He examined this, that and the other doctrines etc., until at last he lost the savour. The savour is the fact that they have been salted with the present truth. (2 Peter 1:12.) The thought is: Does it mould your thoughts, govern your words, and is it the force back of every action in your daily lives? (Philippians 4:8, 9.) If so, you are the salt, and better than that, you are the salt with the savour.

God will not use those lives that are good for nothing, (Matthew 5:13) but they shall be as though they had not been. (Job 10:19.) If you want an experience like that, then get careless and out of harmony with His word. You will soon have no taste for Present Truth. It is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gifts, partakers of the Holy Spirit and tasted of the good word of God and of the power of the world to come. It is impossible, if they fall away to renew them again unto repentance, seeing that they have crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6.) It is impossible to make salt of them again. (Mark 9:50.) It is a solemn warning to you and to me. Make it a personal matter; don't get too satisfied. Many have thought they never would leave the truth, but they have and they are gone.



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IF WE ARE FAITHFUL WE WILL NOT ONLY BE THE SALT BUT WE WILL BE KINGS  
AND PRIESTS.

