

## Be Salty – Part 5 Salty Flavor

*“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)*

- **To have the flavor of salt: we must be like Jesus.**
- **To have the flavor of salt: we must possess the right attitude.**

*That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.” Notice that it says “he ascended.” This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself. **Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.** This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. **He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:8-16 (NLT)***

- **To have the flavor of salt means: I adopt a learning attitude.**

**Principle: healthy people are learning people, learning people are growing people, growing people are loving people and loving people are mature people.**

*With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and*

*eagerly practice every kind of impurity. **But that isn’t what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:17-24 (NLT)***

### A Learning Attitude Causes Us To:

- **Throw off the old sinful nature - V22-23**
- **Put on the new nature - V24**

*If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. **Either way, Christ’s love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.** He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! **This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!***

*2 Corinthians 5:13-17 (NLT)*

### Salty Thoughts:

- **Some of us needs to stop trying to rebuke the devil, while living like the world.**

*So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And “**don’t sin by letting anger control you.**” **Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.***

*Ephesians 4:25-27 (NLT)*

- **If anger gives a foothold to the devil, then patience makes room for the Spirit of peace.**

*I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. **And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me];** but so that the world may know [without any doubt] that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father has commanded Me [and act in full agreement with Him]. Get up, let us go from here. John 14:30-31 (AMP)*

- **The greatest act of spiritual warfare is fulfilling the great commission and conformity to the image of Christ Jesus.**

***Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. **Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.** Don't participate in the things these people do. **For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.*****

***Ephesians 5:1-9 (NLT)***

***So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.***

***Ephesians 5:15-21 (NLT)***