



SERMON GUIDE

I'm Salty

Matthew 5:13

INTRODUCTION

When Jesus called His followers "salt," He actually bestowed upon us a badge of honor. He was giving them then and us now a sense of our identity, purpose, and function in the Kingdom. He was saying that when people ask who you are as a believer, you should be able to tell them, "I'm salty." Being salty is not something bad, it's something good. When we're salty, we're living the way Jesus commanded us to in His Word. But how do you know if you're living a salty life? Well, that's what we're going to look at in this message.

KEY POINTS

1. We Should Be Difference Makers

One thing we can unanimously conclude is that salt makes a difference. Whenever salt is applied to food, the skin, bacteria, and other things, those things don't stay the same. They are affected and changed, and they become something different than they were before. Salt is a difference maker.

In the same way, believers are on this earth to be agents of change in the environment, in the culture, and in the lives of others. Our purpose is to shift the atmosphere, to mold the consensus, and to transform society. Change should happen when Jesus comes into your life. Nothing should be able to remain as it is when God's saving grace and loving mercy come in contact with you.

2. We Must Be Changed Ourselves

Salty saints are required to be the change they seek to bring. When salt is introduced to food or applied in various situations, it becomes invisible. Yes, it's still present, and it can still be detected, but for the most part, you can't even see it. Even though it is creating change, in order for it to work, it has to be changed itself.

The same is true for us as believers. Jesus gave His followers a lesson on the efficacy of change; that in order to be an agent of change, you must be the change you seek to bring. Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." That happens when we take seriously the work of sanctification in our lives. NOTES

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3. We Must Be Applied With Care

Salt CAN make a difference, and it WILL become different when used, but only if the user decides to use it. That's significant because Jesus concludes the verse by saying that if salt should lose its flavor—its effect, its value, its worth—it is no longer good for anything, but is to be discarded and crushed underfoot.

In other words, if you're not making a difference, and you're not becoming different, you are of no earthly good to the kingdom of God. This is a sobering reminder of who we are and our value in the Kingdom. God has strategically placed us in life and in the human equation to change it, but if we are not doing that, then we are of no value.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What does it look like to be "salty" in your day-to-day life?
- 2. What kind of difference are you making in the world around you?
- 3. If you find that you're not currently bringing change or being changed, what steps can you take today to start living a saltier life?

