



LIVING THE
SALT LIFE

MATTHEW 5:13

¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

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Jesus used “salt” and
“light” to illustrate...

- **Distinctiveness**
- **Influence**



“Let’s cut to the chase. After two decades of studying churches in America, I’m convinced that the typical church as we know it today has a rapidly expiring shelf life.”

GEORGE BANA

The Second Coming of the Church, p.1

“the church did the most for the world when the church was the least like the world.”

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

What did Jesus mean when he said we were salt?

1. The Importance of Salt.

"You are the salt of the earth,"
(Matthew 5:13)



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2. The Impact of Salt.

- **Salt seasons.**
“Let your speech [always] be ... seasoned with salt.” (Colossians 4:6)
- **Salt is a preservative.**
- **Salt fights infection.**
- **Salt creates thirst.**



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3. The Infiltration of Salt.

4. The Intensity of Salt.



“We should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a vision of a just and gentle world... The governing values of a whole culture may be changed when 2% of its people have a new vision.”

ROBERT BELLAH

*Sociologist at the Institute for Advanced
Studies at Princeton University*

Some “salty” thoughts that can change our world:

- **Be who you are.**
- **Pray!**
- **Keep the main thing, the main thing.**
- **Look “other-wards.”**
- **Trust God.**
- **Affirm what is good; confront what is wrong.**

