CHRISTIAN TAKE ACTION:
"YOU are the SALT of the EARTH!"

~ Did you know that the largest underground salt mine in the world is the Goderich Salt Mine (also known as the Sifto Salt Mine) in Goderich, Ontario, Canada, located about 1,800 feet beneath Lake Huron and operating since 1959. The mine produces millions of tons of rock salt annually, primarily for de-icing roads across North America.



~ Jesus said in Matthew 5:13, *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.* (Or the cars of men.)

~ The Bible reveals the following about:
- Salt as a Covenant - Salt was regarded as a necessary ingredient of the daily food, and so of all sacrifices offered to Yahweh (Lev 2:13), it became an easy step to the very close connection between salt and covenant-making. When men ate together, they became friends. Compare the Arabic expression, "There is salt between us"; "He has eaten of my salt," which means partaking of hospitality which cemented friendship; compare *"eat the salt of the palace"* (Ezra 4:14). Covenants were generally confirmed by sacrificial meals and salt was always present.

- Salt as a preservative - It would easily become symbolic of an enduring covenant. So offerings to Yahweh were to be by a statute forever, *"a covenant of salt for ever before Yahweh"* (Num 18:19). David received his kingdom forever from Yahweh by a *"covenant of salt"* (2 Chron 13:5). In the light of these conceptions the remark of Our Lord becomes the more significant in Mark 9:49-50 - *"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will*

be seasoned with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

- Salt as an antiseptic in medicine - Newborn babes were bathed and salted (Ezek 16:4), a custom still prevailing. The Arabs of the desert consider it so necessary, that in the absence of salt they bathed their infants in camels' urine. Elisha is said to have healed the waters of Jericho by casting a cruse of salt into the spring (2 Kings 2:20 f). Abimelech sowed the ruins of Shechem with salt to prevent a new city from arising in its place (Judg 9:45).

- Barnes in his commentary writes, "Salt renders food pleasant and palatable, and preserves from putrefaction. So Christians, by their lives and instructions, are to keep the world from entire moral corruption. By bringing down the blessing of God in answer to their prayers, and by their influence and example, they save the world from universal vice and crime."

> However, America is much like the ancient Roman Empire, as in his insightful book, *THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE* by Edward Gibbon we discover the major causes of its downfall:
#1. The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
(In 1962, over 90% of Americans aged 30–35 had been married; by 2025, only about 55% had Institute for Family Studies. In 2024, just 47.1% of U.S. households were headed by married couples, the lowest since records began in 1940.)

#2. Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money on free bread and circuses for the populace.

#3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports become more exciting every year, more brutal, more immoral.

#4. The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.

#5. The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people. (Caesar/Government is not Lord!)

> America began as a salty nation:
- John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court said, "We must select Christians as leaders."

- The Supreme Court said in 1892 that their decisions must be based on godly principles.

- *Thomas Jefferson* declared, "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have removed their only firm basis, that basis is a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God, that they are not to be violated but with His wrath!"

- *George Washington, 1st U.S. President*
"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

- *James Madison*, chief architect of the Constitution of the United States, AUTHOR OF THE FEDERALIST PAPERS; FRAMER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS; SECRETARY OF STATE; THE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES once explained the nature of the American Republic in these words: *"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."* He also said, *"A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven.*

- *Patrick Henry* - REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL; LEGISLATOR; "THE VOICE OF LIBERTY;" RATIFIER OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA:
- Being a Christian… is a character, which I prize far above all this world has or can boast.
- The Bible… is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed.
- Righteousness alone can exalt America as a nation. Whoever thou art, remember this; and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself, and encourage it in others.
- The great pillars of all government and of social life [are] virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible.

~ Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?
- Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.
- Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.
- Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.
- Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.
- They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their Sacred honor.

- Ronald Reagan, 40th President
"America was founded by people who believed that God was their Rock of safety. I recognize we must be cautious in claiming that God is on our side, but I think it's all right to keep asking if we're on His side."

- The Bible says in Colossians 4:5-6 - *Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

> This coming election let us talk TAXES:
- California, Hawaii, and New Jersey are the highest-taxed states in the U.S. in 2026, with California leading in top marginal income tax at 13.3%.

- Top States by Overall Tax Burden
According to 2026 analyses, the states with the highest total tax burden—including income, property, and sales taxes—are:

1. **Hawaii – Highest overall tax burden at 13.3% of personal income, driven by steep income and sales taxes (CPA Practice Advisor+1).**
2. **California – Top marginal income tax of 13.3%, with effective rates for typical earners around 5% of income; also high sales and property taxes contribute to the burden (ustax.tools+2).**
3. **New Jersey – High property taxes (2.47% of home value) and progressive income taxes up to 10.75% (World Population Review).**
4. **New York – Top marginal income tax of 10.9%, combined with significant property and sales taxes (Visual Capitalist).**
5. **Connecticut – Progressive income tax with top rates around 6.99–7.5%, plus high property taxes (World Population Review).**
   - Other states in the top 10 include Massachusetts, Oregon, Minnesota, Vermont, and Rhode Island, each with a combination of high income, property, or sales taxes that elevate the total burden.

- According to recent analyses, the following states are considered safely Democratic heading into the 2026 midterms:

- **California**
- **New York**
- **Illinois**
- **Maryland**
- **Massachusetts**
- **Vermont**
- **Hawaii**
- **Rhode Island**
- **Connecticut**
- **Washington**
- **Oregon**

~ The DEMOCRATIC party supports:
- Abortion
- Assisted suicide
- Dismantling of ICE, Law Enforcement, and our Borders
- Weakening our Military
- Socialism, Communism, Islamic laws
- Change the Constitution, Supreme Court, the Presidency and Congress
- Homosexual marriages, Transgender mutilation surgeries and hormone blockers on children and young adults, Men in women's sports.
- Heavy taxation as mentioned previously
- Corruption of the voting process with no Identification, and illegal immigrants being able to vote.

> <u>Democrats do all this under the fraudulent guise of compassion</u>. This not compassion, it is the destruction of the United States of America, Law and Order, Capitalism, Conservatism, the Constitution, Traditional marriage, Judea-Christian beliefs, the heart and soul of being made in the image of God as Male and Female, plus the safety/security of every American citizen!!! Fraud is their mantle, and the desire to have the U.S.A. as the U.S.S.A is quite apparent. Democrats want us to lose our Independence/Sovereignty to bring us under the rulership of a One World Government! This will not and must not happen under our watch as the SALT OF THE EARTH! AS STRONG CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN! WE MUST VOTE, SACRIFICE, AND NEVER GIVE UP, AND TO NEVER GIVE IN FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS!!! Now, do you really want to know I feel, let me say again and again, "Born-Again Believers cannot vote for such debauchery! Christians vote for <u>RIGHT</u>EOUSNESS!!! And all God's people said, AMEN!!!

- <u>Let us look at an historical event that is truly *seasoned with salt!*</u> – Genesis 18:22 – 19:28.

> <u>New Archaeological Evidence Points to Sodom and Gomorrah's Location Near the Dead Sea</u> by Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, <u>Israel News</u>, October 31, 2025

The Bible records the fate of these cities with chilling clarity: "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. And He overthrew those cities, and all the Plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground" (Genesis 19:24-25). The Hebrew word *gofrit*, sometimes mistranslated as brimstone, actually refers to sulfur. Several excavations in the area have revealed sulfur balls embedded in the soil around the Dead Sea, golf-ball to tennis-ball-sized spheres that are highly flammable.

- <u>A 2021 study published in the journal Scientific Reports</u> involved 21 co-authors from across the United States, Canada, and the Czech Republic, including archaeologists, geologists, geochemists, and cosmic-impact experts who spent 15 years analyzing Tall el-Hammam. They determined that bricks melted at temperatures of 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than a volcano. They concluded that about 3,600 years ago, an icy space rock measuring 50 meters across entered the atmosphere at 38,000 mph and exploded about 2.5 miles above ground. The resulting blast was about 1,000 times more powerful than the Hiroshima atomic bomb. Some form of catastrophe brought these cities to a sudden end, wiping out an estimated 40,000 to 65,000 people who inhabited the area. The event was catastrophic.



This photograph shows archaeologists working at the Tell Al-Hammam site in Jordan, with a depiction of the biblical city of Sodom and Gomorrah displayed alongside. Researchers have uncovered evidence suggesting the ancient city may have been destroyed by a meteorite blast, a theory that has been linked to the biblical account.

> <u>Chapter 18:16-33 – "*Abraham's Intercessory Prayer*"</u>

(v16-22) We observe once again that God informs His people of His pending judgment. God informed Noah before the great flood, now He is revealing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham and the end of the world in the Prophets, the Gospels, the Epistles, and The Book of Revelation.

- In verse 19 we discover three keys as to why God is informing Abraham about the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah; <u>it reads that Abraham would *command his children and his household after him</u>*:
(1) to keep the <u>way</u> of the LORD - <u>The way of the LORD</u>* is found in the <u>Word of the LORD</u>! Ps 25:8-9 - *Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.

***(2) to do <u>righteousness</u> - To <u>do righteousness</u>* is holy and upright living, in accordance with God's standard. The word righteousness comes from a root word that means "straightness.". Righteousness is a moral concept. God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness. In the context of relationships, righteous action is action that promotes the peace and well-being of human beings in their relationships with one another.**

***(3) to do <u>justice</u>. - <u>To do justice</u>* – The Merriam Webster dictionary defines *justice* as "the maintenance or administration of what is just especially by the**

impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments."

(v23-33) Abraham begins to intercede through prayer for the salvation of Lot and his family. What does it mean to engage in INTERCESSORY PRAYER? It is the act of petitioning God or praying on behalf of another person or group. The sinful nature of this world separates human beings from God. It has always been necessary, therefore, for righteous individuals to go before God to seek reconciliation between Him and His fallen creation.

- Christ is, of course, the greatest intercessor of all! He prayed on behalf of Peter (Luke 22:32) and His disciples (John 17). Then in the most selfless intercession of all; He petitioned God on behalf of those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34). In heaven Christ intercedes for His church (Heb 7:25). His Holy Spirit pleads on behalf of the individual Christian (Rom 8:26-27).

- Christians are urged to intercede for all people (1 Tim 2:1).

> Chapter 19 – *"The Judgment of Sodom & Gomorrah"*

(v1-7) INSIGHT: SODOM (*place of lime*) & GOMORRAH - (*submersion*) - Although Sodom was a notoriously wicked city, when Lot separated himself and his herdsmen from Abraham, he chose to pitch his tent toward Sodom (Gen 13:5-13). This was because the fertile plain that surrounded the city *"was well watered everywhere"* (Gen 13:10). The basin surrounding the shallow southern end of the Dead Sea is fed by five streams, including the Wadi Zered (Num 21:12), which would have provided for a fertile, well-watered plain. The sin, vice, and infamy of Sodom and Gomorrah; and the judgment of God on these cities is referred to often throughout the Bible (Isa 1:9-10; Ezek 16:46-49; Amos 4:11; Mt. 10:15; 11:22-24; Lk. 10:12; Rom 9:29; 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7; Rev. 11:8).

> Bob Davies writes in his book, "*Coming Out of Homosexuality*" - "So, what was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah? It is abundantly clear that homosexuality was the primary evil. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah, thinking that the angels were men, wanted to have sex with them. Those who attempt to explain away the Biblical condemnations of homosexuality claim that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was inhospitality. While the men of Sodom and Gomorrah were clearly being inhospitable...that clearly was not all. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah desired to perform homosexual gang rape on the angels. The Bible consistently tells us that homosexual activity is a sin (Genesis 19:1-13; Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9). Romans 1:26-27 teaches specifically that homosexuality is a result of denying and disobeying God. When a person continues in sin and disbelief, the Bible tells us that God "gives them over" to even more wicked and depraved sin in order to show them the futility and hopelessness of life apart from God. God does not create a person with homosexual desires. The Bible tells us that a person becomes a homosexual because of sin (Romans 1:24-27), and ultimately because of their own choice. A person may be born with a greater susceptibility to homosexuality, just as people are born with a tendency to

<u>violence and other sins.</u> That does not excuse the person choosing to sin by giving into their sinful desires. If a person is born with a greater susceptibility to anger / rage, does that make it right for them to give into those desires? Of course not! The same is true for homosexuality."

(v8-26) <u>Observe Lot's COMPROMISE</u>:

(1) v8 – No courage!
(2) v14 – No witness!
(3) v16 – No obedience!
(4) v18 – No trust!
(5) v26 – No love!

(v27-29) <u>Why did God save Lot?</u> Because Abraham interceded and Lot believed in the God of Abraham.

(v30-38) We can add a sixth aspect to Lot's compromise, of which he had no moral influence upon his daughters, their actions, and their lack of seeking God reveals their spiritual depravity. Their lineage became the perpetual enemies of Israel, known as the Moabites and the Ammonites.

- <u>What about today?</u> Jesus warns us in Luke 17:20-36.

- Jude 7 says, *"as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, <u>having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh</u>, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of <u>eternal fire</u>."*

- In Revelation 11:3-13 during the "Great Tribulation" (Rev. 6 – 19) we are given some insightful information concerning Jerusalem, the Holy City of God, that it is called Sodom and Egypt, because of immorality and the worship of many gods!

- <u>A Salty Christian</u>:
(1) has *<u>faith in God's Word</u>* (Abraham believed in God's pending judgment.)

(2) acts upon His Word through *<u>intercessory prayer</u>* to become a social preservative and an antiseptic for salvation

(3) is a saltshaker for these last days sprinkling a "Lot" of salt throughout our world, *<u>spreading the gospel!</u>*

~ *<u>Salty WITNESSES are found in Hebrews chapter 11:</u>*
- Abel gave testimony of God!
- Enoch would not follow the ways of the world!
- Noah was a preacher of righteousness!
- Abraham was called to start a holy people, which would lead to a holy, heavenly city!
- Isaac, Jacob, Joseph by faith perpetuated a holy people to a holy Messiah!

- Moses rejected the pleasures of the world, chose to suffer affliction, delivering the Hebrew people to the promise land!
- David and others through faith subdued kingdoms!