

"You Are the Salt of the Earth"

Jesus said that those who believe in him---are the "salt of the earth".

Matthew 5: 13

Salt is needed to live.

Salt cleans.

Salt is valuable.

Salt preserves.

Salt enhances--makes things better

Salt heals.

Salt can kill weeds and bugs

We are like salt.

Here are some things that salt does:

**Salt keeps us alive.

People and animals need some salt in what they eat to keep their bodies healthy.

Farmers and people who care for wild animals some put blocks of salt out in the field for animals to lick.

Salt needs to be added to the food that people and animals eat. Not too much. That's not good.



Some day--when Jesus takes Christians to heaven--the Holy Spirit will be removed from the earth.
The Holy Spirit will not be here to make people feel guilty for their sin. People will become more evil than ever.

Christians keep the world clean by right living.

**Salt is used to clean things and remove stains.

Christians help make laws that are good, and help enforce the law.

Christians keep the world from so much sin and crime.

Christians help "preserve" (keep) things in this world to be good---and not go bad.

Long ago, before refrigerators---salt was used on meat to keep it from going bad.

**Salt is used to preserve or keep food from spoiling---going bad.

Give a witness without being to "pushy".

**Salt can be used to heal.

Some kinds of sores, skin rashes and insect bites can be healed with salt.

Christians can help "heal" people who have been hurt or abused. We can tell them how Jesus can heal our hearts and spirits.

**Salt can be used to kill weeds and bugs.

Our Christian influence can "kill" sin's

influence--and keep a right way of living.

Jesus said---If salt loses its "saltiness"---what good is it.

What good are we---if we are not "salt"---in this world? Let Jesus use you to be "salt".

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**Salt helps things have more flavor and helps it taste better.

Not too much ! We do not want it to taste salty. But just enough to make the flavor of the food be better.

Because we are part of a group of people---we should be a help to the "spirit" of what is happening.

Help others get along and be peaceful. Help it be a success. Our "spirit" should help all that happens---to be better.

Like salt---we should not be such a strong personality that takes over---like food that has too much salt.

We are not to "force" people to listen to us. We do not need to "preach" to everyone whether they want to hear or not.

We need to use wisdom---speak carefully--add to the conversation---without overwhelming it.