



**August Sermon Series:  
Let's Be the Church!**

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**“We can choose to be affected  
by the world or we can choose  
to affect the world.”**

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## Scripture Lesson

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**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.**

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**1. A Description To Appreciate** — “You are the salt of the earth.”

**2. A Danger To Avoid** — “But if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?”

**3. A Danger To Abhor** — “It is then good for nothing, but to be thrown out, and trampled underfoot by men”

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**“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.”**

# **The Big Idea:**

**Our purpose as believers in this world is to penetrate and change the taste of the very earth, we live in.**

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Lesson One:  
**Are You a Salty Christian?**

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**Salt is Essential for Life.**

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**Mark 9:50, 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.**

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# **Four Ways Christians Are Like Salt:**

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# **1. Christians, Like Salt, Are of Infinite Value.**

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**Romans 5:8, But God shows  
His love for us in that while we  
were still sinners, Christ died  
for us.**

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## **2. Christians, Like Salt, Act As A Preservative.**

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**Galatians 5:19-21**, Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

# **3. Christians, Like Salt, Are To Promote Thirst.**

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**We must be on guard to  
protect our status as "salt" in  
the world!**

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**Romans 12:2**, Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

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# **4. Christians, Like Salt, Must Have Contact To Have An Influence!**

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**“A person will either be  
an influencer of the world or  
become influenced by the world; if  
we don't change the world then  
we will be changed by it!”**

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## **Four Ways to be Salty:**

**Be Salt to Preserve.**

**Be Salt to Purify.**

**Be Salt to Season.**

**Be Salt to Produce Thirst.**

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**"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."**