

Attitudes / Pass the Salt
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CLEAR IS KIND

- Think of all the ways we overcomplicate things...

PASS THE SALT

- We thoughtfully consider the perspective of outsiders in all we do.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SALTY?

- There are a lot of theories on what Jesus meant in this short verse. Don't overthink this. These two seem to make the most sense.
 - Salt's two main uses in the ancient world: preserve and add flavor.

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ACT AS A PRESERVATIVE AGAINST EVIL IN THE WORLD

- The Church has been, is, and will continue to be a beacon of hope and healing in the darkness.
- God's people act as a preservative against the decay of darkness
- TOO MUCH SALT? – BECOME LIKE PHARISEES
 - Churches that 'die' by aging out
- NOT ENOUGH SALT? CONFORM TO THE WORLD
 - Churches that 'die' by compromising the faith

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ADD KINGDOM FLAVOR TO THE WORLD

- Those outside the faith should sense the flavor of grace that God has poured out onto your life.
- TOO MUCH SALT? LOSE YOUR DISTINCTIVENESS
 - Is there anything different about you?
- NOT ENOUGH SALT? LOSE THE HEARTBEAT OF JESUS
 - Jesus was near to those who did not know Him yet. He understood their needs and their perspective.

BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE WORLD WILL THIRST FOR JESUS

- Pure vs. compromised salt
- Those who are the salt of the earth will give people a taste of who Jesus is