

# You Are Salt

*Matthew 5:13-16*

## Seasoning

Salt adds flavor to the world

- A. In the ancient world, flavor was necessary  
Job 6:6
- B. Christianity has improved life dramatically  
Medicine, science, arts, benevolence

How do you season your culture?

Give generously, Forgive, Blessing in brokenness, Rom 5:3

## Antiseptic

Salt slows the decay process

- A. Left to itself, this world is a horrible place  
Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 1
- B. God grants new life  
Ephesians 2:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17

How do you improve your world? Citizenry, example, love

## Life

Salt is necessary to life

- A. Used in IVs at hospital, Epsom salts
- B. Only useful though when not left in container  
1 Corinthians 5:9-11, Matthew 5:16

How do you find life? John 8:32, Romans 1:16

## Thirst

Salt makes you thirsty

- A. Our lives are to bring focus to Jesus  
Matthew 5:17, Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- B. Only Jesus can save  
Romans 1:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12

**But what if salt loses its flavor? It is good for nothing.**

You lose your flavor when you

Look just like the world	James 4:4
You are indifferent to the church	Revelation 2:4
Lose desire for godly things	Philippians 3:10