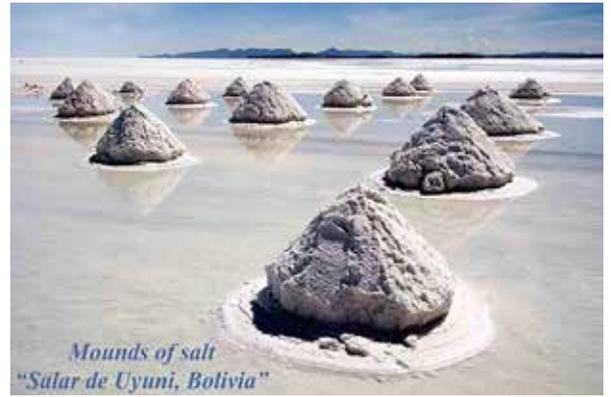


*“Ye Are The Salt Of The Earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”*  
*Matthew 5:13 KJV*



How do you salt, salt? How do you make salt, salty? The point is; you don't. If salt isn't salty, it's no better than dirt. Today's Church has for the most part *“lost its savor.”* I like to equate salt with light for Christ also said, *“Ye are the Light of the world.”* Like light, the smallest bit of salt makes a noticeable difference. I used to put a pinch of salt in the coffee grinds when making coffee. Not so much as to taste it, but to deepen the flavor. Latin for salt is sal. A salarium (salary) was the sum paid to soldiers to conquer salt supplies and guard the Salt Roads (Via Salaria) that led to Rome. Salt makes food palatable. It's the secret ingredient that makes sweet foods richer and sour foods enjoyable. Can you imagine a dill pickle without salt? It has medicinal properties. Saline (salt) solution is the mainstay of hospital IV care. It is the go-to of paramedics for burn victims. It kills bacteria. Salt is a preservative. In the jungle we used salt to preserve meat in the absence of refrigeration. You can't live without it. You must have at least 115mg/day in temperate climates. God said, *“Salt is good.”* God doesn't lie! In salt we have a manifestation of the Divine Designer. Two deadly elements combine to form the life sustaining molecule of NaCl, sodium chloride (salt). Sodium explodes on contact with water. Almost 80% of the human body is water. Chlorine gas is lethal in 1 to 100 parts of air. Did this happen by chance? Salt just happened? If it had one more sodium or chlorine atom, it wouldn't be salt. Christians are supposed to be like salt; taking the two deadly elements of flesh and lust and with the miracle of faith from the Divine Designer, preserving life; making situations more palatable through the display of faith in the unseen, yet ever-present Creator. The old saying, *“You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink,”* is rarely finished. *“But you can sure salt his oats!”* Make men thirsty for Truth through your faithful obedience. *“Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”* Salt is detectable in minute amounts, but too much is unbearable. *“Speaking the Truth in Love,”* believers offer a life preserving Redeemer to a dying world. Through faith, they lend a savor to the sweet and sour times of life that is unmatched. Without faith, we have *“lost our savour.”* We become useless to our fellow-man and unpleasing to God. We must retain saltiness through faith. Faith is unwavering obedience to God's Word. Believer's faithful obedience to God adds savor and preservation to earthly existence. *“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the Victory that overcometh the world, EVEN OUR FAITH.”*

The recipe said, “Salt to taste.”  
The dish without would be a waste.  
To keep your life both pure and chaste,  
Lay hold on Faith with all due haste. –CGP

Strengthen faith by its frequent exercise. Prayer is the single most faithful act. *“Pray without ceasing.”* Think about it. Why do you pray? To whom do you pray? What do you expect to happen? Prayer to a statue or an object is idolatry. What divine power is imbued in the stone by human craftsmanship? *“To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto Him? He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image that shall not be moved.”* When we pray, we speak to the invisible God who made all things and deemed men worthy of redemption and adoption through His Mercy, Grace, and Love. Do you add savor to life? Light in darkness? Is your faith evident? Most of all; do you please God?

*“But without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 KJV*