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SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE

We are living in a time where people have turned away from God and live according to their own standards, resulting in chaos (Proverbs 14:12). As believers, we are not to allow the world to influence us (John 17:16); we are to spiritually influence the world.

Society morals, values, and standards have deteriorated; anything goes. Jesus said we are the salt of the earth.

1. PURPOSE FOR SALT

Matthew 5:13a

- **a.** Seasoning salt was used as a seasoning, to help give flavor to that which was bland.
- **b. Preservative** in biblical days they did not have refrigerators, so salt was used to preserve meat.
- **c. Antiseptic** salt was used as a cleansing agent for minor cuts and abrasions.

2. <u>NECESSITY OF SALT – SALT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HUMAN LIFE</u>

3. <u>USEFUL SALT – IS LIFE CHANGING SALT</u>

- a. Lifestyle Witnessing
- **b.** Verbal Witnessing

4. <u>USELESS SALT</u>

a. Salt Shaker – salt is useless in the salt shaker

b. Lost Saltiness Matthew 5:13b
c. Good For Nothing Matthew 5:13c
d. Thrown Out Matthew 5:13d

We were created for a purpose! God desires more from us; not just for us to survive, but to fulfill our potential. So, will you be the salt of the earth by adding flavor to help change lives, therefore being a part of the solution?