

SALT OF THE EARTH

“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

People who strive to know God often view others through compassionate lens. Loving people as they are, can help bring out their best qualities, inspiring them to develop further. Much like how salt add wonderful flavor to the taste of food, we have the potential to share God's love with those around us.

How can true salt stop being salt? How could salt lose its nature as salt? A disciple who fails to demonstrate Kingdom values is like salt that loses its savor and cannot fulfill its intended purpose. If we are chasing our own plans, goals, and ambitions, or that of the world's, we lose our saltiness.

Are we being complacent in obeying God's directives? The Amplified Bible puts it this way, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste (purpose), how can it be made salty? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and walked on by people.

Jesus instructs His followers—and today's believers—to align their personal objectives with His teachings in order to preserve their effectiveness and maintain the role of conveying God's love to others.

Christians become the salt of the earth by **deepening their relationship with Christ**, seeking Him daily in scripture and prayer. Because of the Holy Spirit—given through Jesus' selfless sacrifice on the cross—they can be certain that they are never alone.

When we stay connected to Him, we gradually let go of worldly things and begin to embrace what is eternal. We become less focused on possessions, recognition, or rewards. As Charles Spurgeon said, “We are here as ‘salt of the earth,’ meant to be a blessing for others. Our purpose is to honor Christ each day and work alongside Him as his partners.”

Our sustaining power as “Salt of the Earth” may be hindered or prevented if we choose to compromise or settle for that which is more convenient or comfortable, rather than that which is truly best and pleasing to the Lord. It is when we depart from the Spirit-led lifestyle of genuine discipleship that the distinctions bet ween ourselves and the rest of the world become blurred and our testimony is hindered. **Only by remaining focused on Christ and being obedient to Him can we expect to remain salt and light in the world.**

By Evangelist Patricia C. Sheppard

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WORD SEARCH - MATTHEW 5:13 (KJV)

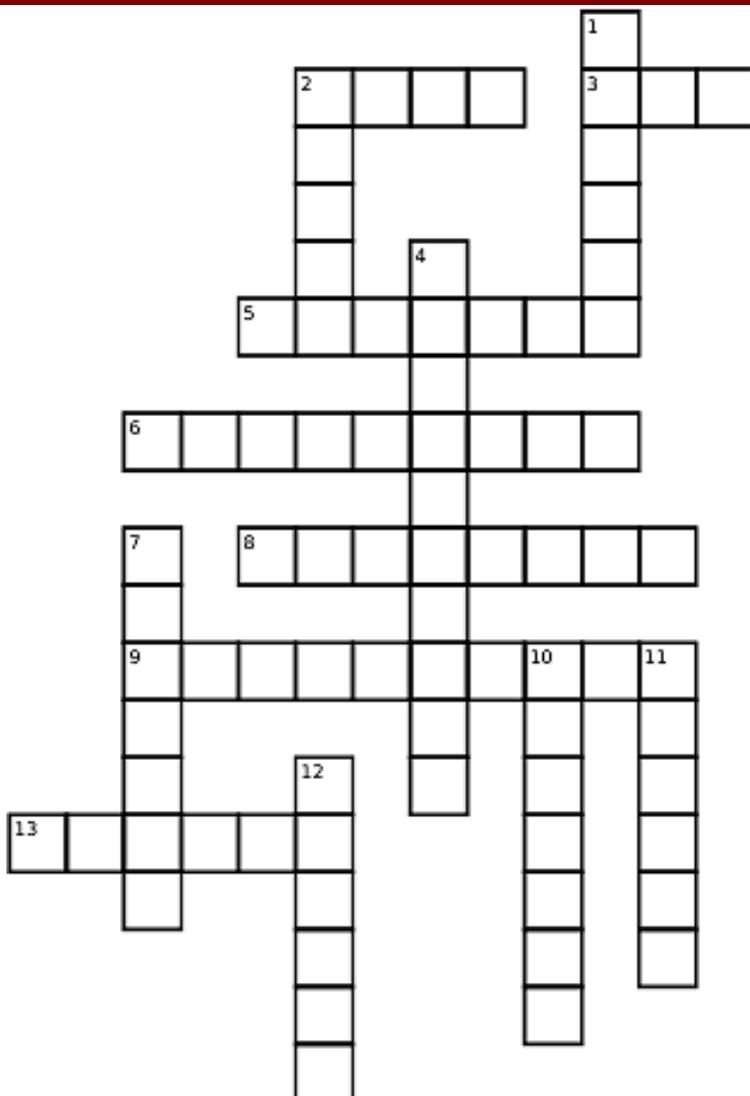
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WORD BANK

Cast
 Earth
 Foot
 Good
 Lost
 Matthew
 Men
 New Testament
 Nothing
 Salt
 Saviour
 Shall
 Thenceforth
 Trodden
 Under
 Wherewith

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - MATTHEW 5 (KJV)



Select the correct answer, according to Matthew 5:13

- Jesus said His disciples are *“the salt of ___”*
 - The World
 - The Earth
 - Foreign Lands
- “...but if the salt have lost his ____, wherewith shall it be salted?”*
 - Faith
 - Color
 - Savour
- “It [salt] is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be ____?”*
 - Added to a wound
 - Tossed into the sea
 - Casted out
- Worthless salt will be ____ *“under ____ of men”*.
 - “Posted under the Flag”
 - “Buried under Ground”
 - “Trodden under the foot”

DOWN

- Dishonest and faithless: *“...and sendeth rain on the just and on the ____.”* v.45
- To feel or express grief or sorrow
- Treated hostile or badly because of religion *“Blessed are they which are ____ for righteousness' sake”* v.10
- To give strength, ease the grief or trouble of mourners
- In spite of, contempt or malice
- To *slowly, fully* enjoy a particular flavor, taste or smell
- to verbally abuse saying evil against one falsely

ACROSS

- Having or showing a quiet and gentle nature, endure with patience
- No. Deny, or Refuse: *“But let your communication be, Yea, yea”* v.37
- To receive something from a parent as a right or title
- “The Devil.”* The enemy or opponent
- One of the twelve that followed Christ’s teachings
- being many, a great number or groups of people
- One that studies, copies and teaches Scripture