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unto God, a workman that  
needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of  
truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15*

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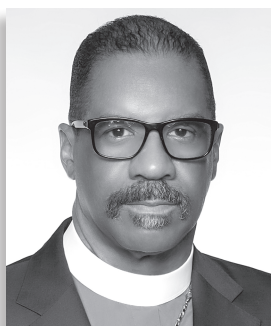
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# LETTER from the PRESIDING BISHOP

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In this time of rapid change, it is vitally important for blood washed individuals to actively participate in our churches and communities to assure our voices are heard and God is glorified.

We must remain “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”.

With that being said, I want you to know, we have “Unfinished Business” in upholding our Christian duties and engaging in constructive dialogue to address societal challenges and the continued advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Our historical curriculum is filled with scriptures that will encourage and motivate you to keep pressing your way in the things of the Lord.

I encourage you to share the Word of God on every occasion and live so God can use you, anywhere and anytime.

Sincerely,

J. Drew Sheard  
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# LETTER from the EDITOR

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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

Our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Drew Sheard, has given a denominational theme for 2025—“Unfinished Business”. Our theme Scripture is John 4 :34, KJV. It reads “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” What an appropriate theme with a built-in charge and accompanying marching orders for our church. Since such orders demand proper implementation, the lessons for this year will support the Presiding Bishop’s theme.

Our plan is to assist in the work by highlighting, outlining, discussing, and providing practical ways to approach various components of the work we must do.

Our hope is that the topics we develop will be utilized in places where people are committed to having consistent accountability, such as small group settings, Bible study groups, new members’ classes, life groups, etc. We must work ... not just TALK! Let’s make 2025 a banner year of action for the Church Of God In Christ.

For Kingdom work,

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# IT'S ALL ABOUT THAT SALT—PART I

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## MEMORY VERSE

**“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**

**“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”**

**Matthew 5:13, NIV**

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## INTRODUCTION

Table salt is a natural mineral made of white, cube-shaped crystals composed of the elements sodium and chlorine. Salt is used to season various types of foods, and it can bring food to life. Salt and pepper shakers can be found in kitchens and on table tops around the world. They are basic seasonings used for flavor enhancement. The five tastes sensations are: sweet, sour, salt, bitter and savory. Our taste buds can immediately identify these five distinct tastes. Our taste also helps us to perceive beneficial and harmful things. The sweetness receptor helps us to identify cakes, candy, and ice-cream. The bitterness receptor can warn us when we eat spoiled food that could be poisonous to our bodies. In our memory verse Jesus gives the worldwide Church of God a declarative label, “You are the salt of the earth.” Jesus identifies the type of salt He wants His church to be—salty salt. He does not want us to be the type of salt that has lost its potency. What does this mean? It means that we are to strive to do our very best in the areas that we are called to work.

## DISCUSSION

As saved believers, we are members of the body of Jesus Christ, which is synonymous to being members of God’s worldwide church. The section of our Statement of Faith that speaks about one of the many aspects of the Church states, “We believe in the blessed hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.” This is the end goal of the Church, that we will indeed be present with the Lord in Heaven one day in

our future. Meanwhile, while you are living on the earth as representatives of Jesus Christ, it is your responsibility to live the best life that you can every day. Please know that it is not your individual responsibility to evangelize the whole world. However, you can witness to unbelievers when you have an opportunity. This is one of the ways that you are the salt of the earth. Be a good citizen in your church, at your workplace, and in your neighborhood. When non-believers or the world sees your manner of life, they should be impressed. Your righteous lifestyle, dutifulness, and trustworthiness should be on display every day. When your colleagues see how you live and your accomplishments, they should be delightfully surprised because you are sprinkled with the potent salt of success. Your success is not determined by how much money you have in your pocket right now. No, that is not the determinate of successful salt. Your success is determined by what are you doing with what you have—your time, your talents, and your treasure (money).

### **APPLICATION**

Salt has many practical applications. Its greatest use is in the industrial realm making products like plastic, paper, glass, polyester, rubber and fertilizers. Salt is also used in the manufacturing of household bleach, detergent, and soaps. Another usage of salt is in water treatment plants around the world. It is used to soften our drinking water. Salt is an effective de-ice solvent for iced-over roads and streets. It is often readily available and the most economically practical for this application. The majority of all people around the world use salt indirectly or directly. It is a great preservation substance that is used to protect food against bacteria, mold, and spoiling. By drying the food, salt absorbs water from it to make the environment too dry to support mold or bacteria. Before the invention of refrigeration, people would salt their food to make it last longer. In the same aspect of these applications, we can compare our lives to the many uses of salt. The onlookers, the world, should see us being sharp, witty, on-point, knowledgeable, and reaching our goals. These are adjectives that define saltiness.

### **CONCLUSION**

Jesus Christ has mandated that we as Christians live meaningful lives that are effective. He prescribes that we are the salt of the earth. We are to be examples of effective successful living in the 21st Century. There are many uses of the natural element of salt. We discussed some these practical applications. In comparative application, our lives are destined to be used in many applications as well. Our lives should have a “potent salt” effective in preserving and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world.

**QUESTIONS**

1. The natural salt industry is alive and well around the world. What are some other applications of natural salt that we did not discuss in this lesson?
2. What are some other metaphors, natural occurrences, objects, or scenarios that Jesus used to describe the church (i.e., the Body of Christ)?

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## LESSON 2 • SEPTEMBER

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:1-13, John 6:1-14

# IT'S ALL ABOUT THAT SALT—PART II

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### MEMORY VERSE

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has 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

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

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### INTRODUCTION

Last week we discussed the importance doing what we can to help others. If you cannot afford to help others in the way that you desire to help, it's ok. Do what you can and keep moving forward with your life. One day God may indeed bless you to help those you desire to help in a significant way. Our faith in God's power to do all things is important. Our level of expectations and trust in God are also important. Our saltiness and effectiveness are greatly dependent on our obedience to the will of God. Being wealthy is not being effective. Being effective is found in following the directives of God. This should be the first desire of our hearts. In Matthew 6:33 Jesus has instructed us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Then all of the other things we need will be added. “Take care of God's business and He will take care of your business.” This famous line reminds us of the provisional power of God. When we seek to honor God with our lifestyle, He will help us to reach our physical and spiritual goals.

### DISCUSSION

Little becomes much when we place it in the Master's hand. We find this truth to be demonstrated in John 6:1-16. This is the miracle event when Jesus fed five thousand people from the lunch of a young boy. Jesus had been blessing the people with miracles at a feast of the Jews. After witnessing and hearing about the miracles He performed, five thousand people followed Him to Galilee. When Jesus saw the crowds, He had great compassion for them and wanted them to have a very good lunch. Jesus asks His disciples for

ideas of how to feed this great gathering. After this discussion a young boy offers his lunch to the disciples to help feed everyone. The lunch consists of five small barley loaves and two fish. We don't know the name of this young boy. However, we do know that he was bold enough to let the disciples know what he could offer to help in this critical situation. He could have been totally uninterested in the lunch needs of the crowd that day. He could have been somewhere playing with his friends and not heard the conversation of the disciples concerning feeding the large crowd. Nonetheless, he stepped up boldly and offered to help. Jesus accepted the young man's lunch and blessed it, and the disciples distributed it to the crowd. From this small lunch a miracle of multiplication and increase takes place. The lunch was miraculously multiplied to be enough to feed everyone. It is interesting to note that there were twelve baskets of leftovers after everyone finished eating. This young boy's bold, "potent salt" act positively impacted the lives of the five thousand people that were in Galilee that day.

### **APPLICATION**

Savory salt will influence everything that it touches. When used properly, it enhances the food that it is seasoning. Food tastes better when it is seasoned with the right spices. In the USA as well as other countries around the world, people will wait in line for an hour or more to get a seat at a popular restaurant because of the restaurant's great menu. The quality of food, the precise measurements of spices and the talent of the chefs makes waiting for their favorite meal worth it. The same meal served at another restaurant will not have the same great taste if it is prepared with different seasonings or cooking methods. As children of God, we should expect God to bless our efforts to excel to an above average level. God's excellence should be reflected in every area of our lives. This is why God gives us various gifts, talents, and natural proclivities. He gives us a leading, cutting-edge advantage through our various abilities. God blesses what we do for Him, our families, others, and ourselves.

### **CONCLUSION**

Jesus Christ has mandated that we live meaningful lives that are effective; we are the salt of the earth. We are to be examples of effective, successful living in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We should never feel intimidated to use our gifts and talents to help build the Kingdom of God. The young boy in our lesson willingly and literally stepped up to the plate and offered his small lunch to help Jesus out in Galilee. Jesus used his small lunch and performed a miracle of multiplication and increase. In the very same manner, God blesses what we do to help others.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Like the young boy in our lesson, have you ever offered your gifts, talents, or abilities to help someone and been amazed by the outcome or end result? Share with the class an experience that you have had like this.
2. Jesus did not discount, ignore or make light of the young boy's offer to help. How do you think this young boy felt after this miraculous event? Discuss.

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