

Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”



Matthew 5:13-16, “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. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Common salt comprises a very stable, simple chemical compound called sodium chloride, which has a salty flavor. As it is so chemically stable, sodium chloride will not lose its saltiness, even after being stored dry for many years. However, there are ways in which salt may *appear* to lose its saltiness, for example when salt is mixed with other chemicals.

Historically, salt has been obtained from crude sources such as salt marshes, and minerals such as rock salt. This contains the stable sodium chloride plus other components. Sodium chloride is readily water-soluble, so if this crude salt were exposed to condensation or rain water, the sodium chloride could be dissolved and removed, and the salt could in effect lose its saltiness.

Also, the salty flavor is detected by our sense of taste. If there were a physiological change in the functioning of our taste buds, salt consumed may no longer taste the same, but this would not be due to any inherent change in the salt itself.

The Gospel message is simple, stable and unchanging like salt and never loses its saltiness. Yet the Gospel message may appear to lose its savor when we add worldly thoughts and our own vanity.

If we continue to dilute the Gospel with our own incorrect message, we become 'good for nothing'. I personally never want God to look down upon my life and say that I have diluted my mind so much with worldly appetites that I am no longer good for anything.

Wouldn't it also be fair to say that when we disobey the Lord by not sharing the Gospel that we also lose our saltiness? Let's determine to have our eyes and ears ready to share the Gospel with whomever God places in our path this week.



This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm going to let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm going to let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm going to let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!