



**TOPIC: GET SALTY – Pastor Alton Trimble  
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1 PETER 3:15 (ASV) ... but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear.

**I. MY EFFECTIVENESS IN EVANGELISM IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE CONDITION OF MY HEART.**

EPHESIANS 4:31-32 (NKJV) Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**II. MY EFFECTIVENESS IN EVANGELISM IS CONNECTED TO PREPARATION.**

1 PETER 3:15b: “being ready always to give answer...”

PROVERBS 6:6-8 (NKJV) Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, <sup>7</sup> Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, <sup>8</sup> Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

MATTHEW 24:44 (NKJV) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

MATTHEW 5:15 (NKJV) Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

**III. MY EFFECTIVENESS IN EVANGELISM IS CONNECTED TO MY DISPOSITION WHILE SHARING MY FAITH.**

1 PETER 3:15c: “Yet with meekness and fear...”

MATTHEW 5:13 (NLT) “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with

**I. An analysis of the substance of the subject:**

MATTHEW 5:13 *“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.”*

A. The importance of salt in the health and life of the body and environment:

B. In the Bible salt is:

1. A reminder of a divine covenant.

LEVITICUS 2:13

*“Season all your grain offerings with salt to remind you of God’s eternal covenant. Never forget to add salt to your grain offerings.”*

2. A tool of marvelous healing and cleansing

II KINGS 2:20-21 *Elisha said, “Bring me a new bowl with salt in it.” So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went out to the spring that supplied the town with water and threw the salt into it. And he said, “This is what the LORD says: I have purified this water. It will no longer cause death or infertility.”*

3. That which creates desire

JOB 6:6 *Don’t people complain about unsalted food? Does anyone want the tasteless white of an egg?*

4. A preservative

LUKE 14:34-35 *“Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? <sup>35</sup> Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”*

5. A causer of peace

MARK 9:50 *“Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.”*

6. A necessary element in our testimony

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7. An evidence of grace

COLOSSIANS 4:6 *Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.*

C. We are called Salt because when we are salty, we are able to use:

1. Our Preserving Ability

PROVERBS 14:34a *Godliness makes a nation great...*

2. Our Penetrating Ability

ACTS 8:1, 4-8 *<sup>1</sup>Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. <sup>4</sup>But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. <sup>5</sup>Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. <sup>7</sup>Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup>So there was great joy in that city.*

MATTHEW 16:18 *Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means “rock”), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

3. Our Purifying Ability

II KINGS 2:19-22 *One day the leaders of the town of Jericho visited Elisha. “We have a problem, my lord,” they told him. “This town is located in pleasant surroundings, as you can see. But the water is bad, and the land is unproductive.” <sup>20</sup>Elisha said, “Bring me a new bowl with salt in it.” So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went out to the spring that supplied the town with water and threw the salt into it. And he said, “This is what the LORD says: I have purified this water. It will no cause death or infertility.” <sup>22</sup>And the water has remained pure ever since, just as Elisha said.*

EZEKIEL 16:4 *On the day you were born, no one cared about you. Your umbilical cord was not cut, and you were never washed, rubbed with salt, and wrapped in cloth.*

ROMANS 12:1, 2 *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup>Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by*

*changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

4. Our Pleasing Ability

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 *Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.*

5. Our Destructive Ability

JUDGES 9:45 *The battle went on all day before Abimelech finally captured the city. He killed the people, leveled the city, and scattered salt all over the ground.*

II CORINTHIANS 5:17 (Salt changes things!)

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

6. Our Promoting Ability

JOHN 7:37-38 *On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! <sup>38</sup>Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, “Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.””*

7. Our Proven Ability