

**Its profound impact  
on human civilization  
spans recorded  
history...  
and precedes it.**

**Salt has influenced  
human existence  
virtually from the  
beginning.**



<http://www.saltinstitute.org/Uses-benefits/Salt-in-history>

**Salt is an essential nutrient.  
It is critical for life...  
It is the world's oldest food  
additive.**



<http://www.saltinstitute.org/Uses-benefits/Salt-in-Food>

**Salt brings to food far more  
than one  
of the five basic taste  
sensations...**



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**Before recorded history,  
men learned salt's key role  
in food safety and  
preservation...**



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**Men's earliest settlements  
were at salt springs.**

**Caravans trekked deserts  
trading salt ounce-for-ounce  
for gold.**


**And many cultures share  
traditions such as offering  
bread and salt to welcome  
visitors.**



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**Salt's economic and military  
significance  
produced trading  
partnerships... or armed  
combat.**

**Roman soldiers were paid  
partly in salt, their  
"salarium," today's "salary."**



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**“Not worth his salt!”**  
 Greek slaves  
 purchased with salt.



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Leonardo da Vinci’s painting of the “Last Supper”



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Judas Iscariot is depicted with overturned salt!  
 (Middle Ages ~Doom!)

**Salt**

Heals	Produces Thirst	
Purifies	Flavors	Represents
Preserves	Endures	Value

Is Essential for Life



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As an antiseptic, salt symbolized...  
**Durability, fidelity and purity**

As one of the most essential articles  
 of diet...  
**Salt symbolized hospitality**



Smith's Bible Dictionary

**Ancient Sign of Friendship!**

Partaking of “salt” together...

**COVENANTAL  
 RELATIONSHIP !**



## Ancient Sign of Friendship!


**COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP!**

- Hospitality!
- Mutual protection and care!
- Trust!
- Humility!
- Removal of animosity!
- Enduring peace!
- Oneness!



## Ancient Sign of Friendship!

**“There is salt between us!”**



## Ancient Sign of Friendship!

**“Covenant of Salt”**

It is a... **Permanent!**  
**Strong!**  
**Inviolable!**

**Covenant of Loyalty & Friendship**



## “Covenant of Salt”

### God’s Use -

- Numbers 18:19 - Priests
- Exodus 30:34-36 - Incense
- 2 Chronicles 13:5 - David
- Leviticus 2:13 - Offerings



## God’s Use -

**Numbers 18:19 (Priests) -**



Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the Israelites present to the Lord I give to you and your sons and daughters as your perpetual share. It is an everlasting **covenant of salt** before the Lord for both you and your offspring.



## God’s Use -

**Exodus 30:34-36 (Incense) -**

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices—gum resin, onycha and galbanum—and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, and **make a fragrant blend of incense**, the work of a perfumer. **It is to be salted** and pure and sacred. Grind some of it to powder and place it in front of the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.

**God's Use -**

**Incense –**  
Often associated with prayer  
in Scripture...

David prayed,  
“May my prayer be set before you  
like incense before You...”  
Psalm 141:2

**“Salt” aids our prayer life!**

**God's Use -**

**2 Chronicles 13:5 (David) -**  
“Don't you know that the Lord, the God of Israel,  
has given the kingship of Israel to David and his  
descendants forever by **a covenant of salt?**”

**God's Use -**

**Leviticus 2:13 (Offerings) –**  
“Every grain offering of yours shall be  
seasoned with salt so that the salt of the  
covenant shall not be lacking...”

**With all your offerings**  
**You shall offer salt!**”

**God's Use -**

**“With all your offerings...”**  
Common to ALL the offerings!  
Salt unified them...  
Their purposes! Their elements!

**God's Use -**

**“With all your offerings...”**

It was not  
to preserve or flavor  
the grain or the meat!

**God's Use -**

**2 Roles of Offerings...**  
**Looking Back!**  
Forgiveness... Thankfulness...

**Looking Forward!**  
Friendship... Trust... Union...

**God's Use -**

**2 Portions...**

One... "Burned!"

Another... "Rescued!"

(Numbers 18:9)

**God's Use -**

**"With all your offerings..."**

Declaration of friendship!  
Removal of animosity!  
Enduring peace!  
Oneness!

**God's Use -**

**Just as salt aids our prayer life...**

**"Salt"**  
**aids our**  
**worship!**

**Making all our sacrifices acceptable!**

**Mark 9:38-50**

**"For everyone will be salted with fire.**  
(And every sacrifice... salted w/ salt - KJV)

Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

**Luke 14:33-35**

"So therefore, no one of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. Therefore, salt is good... unless it becomes unsalty..."

**Matthew 5:13**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men..."

Mark 9:38-50

CONTEXT:

**The cost of discipleship!**

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. **It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.** If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved - even though only as one escaping through the flames.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Your daily walk  
your connection to Jesus...  
will be tested...

**I.e. - "Salted!"**

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

The fruit of your life will be  
tested...  
Only what is of Christ will stand!

**I.e. - "Salted!"**

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."  
"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.  
If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.  
And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where 'the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'  
Everyone will be salted with fire.  
"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

Jesus is telling his followers...

**Following him is costly!**

It's going to involve a process whereby  
they are salted...

(Just as the offerings were salted...)

**They too will be salted – as offerings unto God –  
But, "salted" (seasoned, prepared) with fire!**

Your love...  
 devotion... worship...  
 are to penetrate & season  
**ALL YOUR SACRIFICE...**  
 And prayers!

But even more...  
**Have Salt Within You!**  
 Heals                      Produces Thirst  
 Purifies                  Flavors                  Represents  
 Preserves                Endures                  Value  
 Is Essential for Life

**Colossians 4:6**  
 "Let your speech always be gracious,  
 seasoned with salt, so that you may know  
 how you ought to answer every one."

**Romans 12:18**  
 "If possible, and to the extent that it depends  
 on you, live in peace with all people."

**Romans 12:1-2**  
 "Present yourselves as a  
 living sacrifice!"

**Colossians 3:17**  
 "And whatever you do or say,  
 do it as a representative of the Lord  
 Jesus, giving thanks through him to  
 God the Father."



## Colossians 3:24

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as unto the Lord and not for people...”

Can salt loose it's saltiness??

## Salt loose it's saltiness??

Salt in this region was frequently extracted from the Dead Sea...

With the salt, a residue of other minerals could make the salt less pure, and subject to leeching out!  
(i.e. - gypsum)

As disciples of Christ, the “saltiness” of our lives can be overwhelmed (leeching) by the cares & distractions of this world!

**YOU... are God's salt!**

Already in a covenant of friendship with Him but sent as well to draw other into that same relationship!

Don't require natural “salt” to evoke friendship, trust, and humility!

**Be salty!**  
**Make others thirsty!**