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2. Joseph. Gen. 37:

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Ezek. 33:8-9.

B. Will Preserve Society.

James 5:20.



III. Must Make Contact.

Mk. 16:15-16.

IV. Must Retain Savor.

Mk. 9:50; 2 Pet. 2:20.

Conclusion: 1 Jno. 3:1-3.

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Matt. 5:13

INTRO: This statement is very important because Jesus said it. This is a fine figure(metaphor). This is a companion of Light of the World. What is salt good for? It is good for food.

I. TO PREVENT DECAY.

Salt does many things, but pure salt is used for two outstanding things: to preserve and to season. 2 Chron. 7:14. Literal: We find people salt down meat to prevent decay. Spiritual: If God's people will live as He has commanded, they will not decay. He will save our souls. In turn we can save those whom we contact by preaching and living the Gospel.

A. Examples. Persons not salt: Avoid their influence. Rom. 15:4.

1. Lot's Wife. Gen. 19:26; Luke 17:32.
2. Nadab and Abihu. Lev. 10:1-2; Heb. 2:2-3.
3. Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5.

B. These persons are Salt: "Whose Faith Follow"

1. Abraham. Gen. 18:16; James 2:21.
2. Joseph. Genesis chapter 37. "And as for you, ye meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is the day, to save much people alive." Gen. 50:20.

II. PRESERVE SOCIETY. PSA. 9:17.

Christians are to preserve Christ on earth by teaching, communion, living, etc. We must warn the sinner. Ezek. 33:8-9. In so doing, we preserve society. James 5:20.

III. MUST MAKE CONTACT.

Salt is no good unless it makes contact. We are the same. Mark 16:15-16.

IV. WE MUST RETAIN SAVOR. MARK 9:50; 2 PET. 2:20.

Salt of the ancient world was not purified as it is today. Salt exposed to weather still looks like salt but loses its savor and taste. Christians, if exposed too much to the world, will lose their integrity and will become worthless. 1 Cor. 15:33. Salt is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of man. It destroys the fertility of soil where it is thrown, so it was cast in streets to keep out weeds and be walked on. We must watch lest we lose our saltiness.

CONCL: It is a great honor to be a child of God. We should live true to our calling and really be the salt of the earth. Read 1 John 3:1-3.