



Pekin First Nazarene

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## “Salt of the Earth”

*“There is nothing more useful than sun and salt” (“Nil utilius sole et sale”)*

### Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

*<sup>13</sup>“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. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”*

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1. Produces Flavor

- *Additional Scriptures:* Colossians 4:6 and Psalms 34:8

2. Preserves

- *Additional Scriptures:* Jeremiah 51:15 and Hebrews 2:1 & 12:15

3. Purifies

- *Additional Scriptures:* Ezekiel 6:4, 2 Kings 2:19-22, James 4:8, and 1 Peter 1:15-16

4. Protects

- *Additional Scriptures:* Ephesians 6:10-20 and Proverbs 31:8-9

5. Provokes Thirst

- *Additional Scriptures:* John 7:37-38, Psalms 42:1-2, and 1 Peter 2:12

6. Possesses High Value

- *Additional Scriptures:* Isaiah 43:4 and Matthew 13:44-46