

A Salty Christmas
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Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:5-6

To be “salty” these days means to have a bit of an edge. Someone who is frequently rude might be considered bitter, a nice person considered sweet. A salty personality is being the sarcastic realist who is supportive but thinks there is a better way. Often, they are eager to share how you were wrong after they don’t get their way but typically keep quiet beforehand. This is not the kind of “salty” God is asking of us, His children!

I know we would all prefer it to be this way, because it’s more fun to tell others where they failed. However, God isn’t asking us to be salty when we don’t get our way.

During this season of Advent, we take time to realize that God came to earth to be with us. While we celebrate the reality of Christmas, we also ponder the planning that went into it. God saw the bitter brokenness of the world from His throne on high. He could have been salty, bitter, angry even. The perfect world He created was broken and evil. God could easily have destroyed the world centuries ago; we certainly deserved it.

But He didn’t.

Instead, God saw the bitterness and came down to be salt and light to the world. He did this to make the evil in this world more palatable, give hope to the hopeless, and immortality to the mortal.

God’s plan is for us to take in the tastiness of His mercy and to trust in the work of Jesus, and the promise it is credited to us. Soak it in!

Then for those He has called by His name, we are sent to be the presence of God and to be the salt and light of Jesus right where we are. He isn’t calling us to do His work FOR Him: He is calling us to join in His mission WITH Him! He is working in us and through us. In fact, it isn’t our salt: it is His salt seasoning the world through us.

This Christmas season don’t try to be something you are not. We don’t need to put on a happy face and pretend to have peace, or that we aren’t hurting. Instead, be who you are: feel the hurt in your own life and see the pain in the world around you.

Remember, this is what Christmas is all about: the hurting, broken, and bitter world needed salt from Heaven, and that salt came down to make it all more palatable!

Taste and see that the Lord is Good! The Lord is here, and the Lord is working through YOU to be the same salt and light to the world, because the world still needs it.