

SALT AND TRANSFORMATION

God's Message:

**You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
(Matthew 5:13)**

Every person thinks of how to change the world, but no one thinks of how to change himself.

We know that salt is one seasoning needed for cooking. Salt is important. Just imagine a cuisine without salt. The flavor must be tasteless. It is not delicious. We can't see the salt when we put it inside the cuisine, but we can taste it.

Once there was a chef who was preparing special banquet for the king's wedding. All ingredients needed for cooking were available. Now, it's the time for the chef to start cooking. He opened the salt box, ready to use the salt and pour it out. But suddenly the salt inside the salt box screamed, "NO!" The chef became confused and asked the salt, "Why? Don't worry, I'll make you the most delicious food for the king in his wedding day." But all the salt screamed and answered the chef with many answers. "No, later we can't gather together with other salt in this beautiful salt box." "No, later we will be dissolved in the food, we will lose our shape and color, and people will stop admiring us as white and clean salt." The salt gave so many excuses to the chef and only few salt were willing to be used by the chef. Finally he king's wedding day came and a special banquet was held on that day. Many delicious foods were served. The king was so happy and the party was merry. The salt which was willing to be used by the chef came inside the king's body and lived there forever. The salt which rejected to be used by the chef and decided to stay in the salt box, was finally thrown out because it's no longer needed.

We are the salt of the world. We are asked, helped and processed by the Holy Spirit to salt the world so that this world, which is full with disappointment, sadness, bitterness, and wound, is healed and ready to receive the second coming of Jesus as the Lord and Savior. If we want to do our function as salt, we have to go out from our tradition and comfort zone; we have to go to the sinners and do our function there: die from our flesh desire, carry the cross and deny ourselves, be willing to be shaped and processed, be willing to suffer for Christ and be willing to decrease so that Christ will increase. If we are willing to be salt, God's grace and strength will help and enable us to salt the world.

Wherever God puts us, we can do our task as salt; it all depends on the way and the portion we do it. So we do not necessarily become a pastor, a worship leader, or an evangelist to become salt. We can do our function as salt and light by living a testimony as a Christian. We do every task given to us seriously. Christian artists could write a general message scenario with messages from Christian's point of view. We have to be creative here. We don't quote the scriptures directly, but we could present the essence of our faith in such a form that people want to meditate it and do it.

So, we can be salt wherever and whenever we are. We become salt in every aspect of life so that the Kingdom of God is revealed. For example, Christians can run their business with the purpose to build the Kingdom of God, and not their own kingdom. God asks us to bring the Kingdom of God on the earth. So, whether it is money, our work, or ethics; all of them have to bring the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in

heaven. As salt we can't eliminate crime, but at least we can prevent crime. We are saved by faith, and not by our works. True faith must be accompanied by works. If someone is a true Christian, his work will show his faith. If we are faithful people, we have to show works that bear fruits, so that society or other people who see us will believe that we are the disciples of Jesus.

Essence:

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Reflection:

Are we willing to be the salt for this earth? Lord Jesus says that we are the salt of the world.

Commitment:

I want to be faithful in God's calling as salt of the world even though it needs many sacrifices.

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