

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Monday, February 6th:

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" (Matthew 5:13a)

Salt is an important seasoning. It brings out the flavor of all kinds of food. If you take time to read a label, salt is almost always listed. Two short stories about salt. One time my Uncle Lee was going to make some oatmeal for my brother and sister and me. He accidentally put in a tablespoon of salt and a ¼ of teaspoon of sugar, which should have been the other way around. It was way too salty to eat. Another story about oatmeal. One time my grandma forgot to put salt in the oatmeal. It was way too bland and we took the salt shaker and shook some salt into the oat meal until it tasted good. Jesus says you are the salt of the earth. Notice Jesus didn't say, you are to become the salt of the earth. Jesus wants you to flavor people's life with his love. You can flavor people's lives as you interact with them with Jesus' love. Consider a smile and a greeting. When you meet someone and greet them with a smile and a hello, they receive your joy and smile back and greet you. The next person they meet, they smile at another and greet them and the smile is passed on. Their lives were flavored with the smile and greeting. Jesus claims you with his love. Jesus has given you his Holy Spirit to dwell within you. Jesus fills your heart to overflowing so you can love as you are loved, and forgive as you are forgiven. This is how you are the salt of the earth.