

WORD OF THE DAY



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"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."

Speech Sprinkled with Salt



Worldly Salt. The [urban dictionary](#) defines the word "salty" as, "when you are upset over something little". Example: "He was so salty after he died in Smash Bros[video game]". It further adds that the term originated from the United States Navy to describe disgruntled sailors for whom the romanticized idea of life at sea on a ship had faded away, and the only thing left from their experience[at sea] was sea salt. Similarly, during the Christian life, we may often begin with a romanticized view of following Christ, but after the happy feelings and praise and worship fades away, all that seems to be left is just the heavy cross that we are bearing for Christ. One who is said to be salty([urban dictionary definition](#)) is often irritable, and his/her speech will reflect this inner discontentment of their heart. For the Christian, such behaviors do not reflect the love of Christ, and therefore Christians should not be salty(*worldly definition*).

Christian Salt. Although the modern day term "salty" has negative connotations, in our verse of the week, Paul uses the word salt, however in this case, Paul uses the term as a **noun(salt)** rather than an **adjective(salty)**. As a noun(person, place, thing..) Paul is figuratively speaking of "salt" as something which we add to our speech which is positive; rather than, an adjective that describes a negative internal emotional state of the noun which it is modifying -- as in modern day slang. Paul states, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt". The Greek word for this salt(noun) that Paul speaks of is *Halas* ([Strong's concordance 217](#)). *Halas* is defined as God's preserving and seasoning of a believer in loving the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, described figuratively as salt(*Halas*).

Speech Preserved with Salt. Paul tells us that the reason that we should add *Halas*(salt), or the Grace of Godly love to our speech, is so that "you may know how you ought to answer each one". In our conversations we will hear things which will seem inappropriate, incorrect, different from our perspective, and sometimes just plain rude. Yet, Paul reminds us that we should make sure to add God's Grace to our words, so that God's love will shine through us. Just as salt was used to preserve meat in pre-refrigeration days to keep poultry, fish, and beef from rotting and going bad, adding salt(*Halas*), or God's preserving Grace, to our speech, helps to preserve and keep our relationships with others from likewise rotting and going bad. When you are salty (*urban dictionary definition*) with others, you hurt your relationship with them, but when you add salt(*Halas*) to your speech, you heal and preserve the relationship. Let us therefore walk in wisdom(be wise), not being salty, but seasoning our speech with Godly salt.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Want to preserve your relationships?
Add salt(*Halas*) to your speech.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for grace which calls upon me to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. May I take this salt(*Halas*), which is your grace that preserves and seasons believers, and add it to my relationships; so that you will be glorified in all that I say. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.



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