

"Let your speech be always with Grace, Seasoned With Salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Colossians 4:6 KJV



Without salt, food is often unpalatable. Salt even lends richness of flavor to sweet dishes. It pleases the sense of taste, creating a desire for more. Imagine a salad, French fries, or a steak without salt, and yet, if over salted, they become worthless. Jesus Said, *"Ye are the Salt of the earth."* Paul wrote, *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...but speaking the Truth in Love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From whom the whole Body (Church) Fitly Joined Together...maketh increase...unto the edifying (improving) of itself in Love."*

Truth can heal as well as hurt. Our speech must be gracious and truthful. How many times have you heard someone respond to, "Good morning!" with, "What's so good about it?" The Truth is *"This is the day which the Lord Hath Made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* However, if someone is feeling angry, depressed, or sad, the Truth might serve to depress them further. Look for gracious ways to impart Truth like; "Yes, life can be unbearable at times, I agree, but at least we're alive to complain about it (Insert smile)!" or "Is there something I can do to help?" or perhaps a simple hug or pat on the back is enough show that the day isn't so bad after all and that you sincerely care. Sincere caring and unsought assistance, like a cup of coffee, opens many doors to Truth and delivers many souls from Hell Fire. Words have more meaning if backed up by deeds. Don't say you care, show it! It is the responsibility of every believer to first, minister to the household of faith and second, minister the Gospel to the fallen. Many times, Truth must be straightforward, because some have rejected Truth in favor of evil pleasure and open rebuke is necessary. It may have no affect on them, but may touch the heart of a bystander. The Holy Spirit will impress you with the Wisdom to know the proper approach if you *"walk in the Light."* God sees the heart, and while, we may feel like rebuking, a kind word is the more necessary or visa-versa. Sometimes, obnoxious people are those with the deepest wounds. It may require longsuffering and patience to enable the Truth which will free them from the chains that once bound you. *"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you."* The most injured cry the loudest!

Entwine your speech with graciousness,
So all may see the Righteousness,
Of Christ in you, Eternal Light,
The Saving Truth of Love and Right. –CGP

Not all hear Truth, but those who do may obtain Eternal Life. If you believe Hell is eternal, who would you want to go there? Share Truth! What have you got to lose? Christ Gave All that you might have all!

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, 'Vengeance Is Mine; I Will Repay, Saith the Lord.' Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with Good." Romans 12:15-21 KJV