

~LOSES (137)

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- Christians are the salt of the earth, that which preserves it and keeps it from spoiling, or going bad completely. Yet if they themselves were to accept wicked practices, and no longer be a preserving influence among mankind, then would they become useful for any good purpose. They would then only be suitable for being disposed of, like salt is used for melting snow under men's feet.
- You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt **loses** its strength, how will its saltiness be restored? It is no longer usable for anything but to be thrown outside to be trampled on by men. (**Matthew 5:13**)
- Thus, he that lost his soul for the Lord's sake would find it eternally. Yet those rejecting the Good News and remaining in their sins like all others on earth do, would **lose** their souls, remaining in their sins.
- He that finds his soul will lose it, and he that **loses** his soul for my sake will find it. (**Matthew 10:39**)
- Jesus then showed, that those who try to preserve their lives at the expense of their integrity, will **lose** both. However whoever keeps his integrity like Christ did, will find everlasting life through him.
- For whoever wants to save his soul will lose it, but whoever **loses** his soul for my sake will find it. (**Matthew 16:25**)
- Jesus then showed, that whoever tried to save his own soul, would **lose** it. Yet those who gave up their own self-willed course to follow after him, and for the sake of the Good News, giving of themselves even unto death like he did, would gain their souls.
- For whoever wants to save his soul will lose it, but whoever **loses** his soul for the sake of me and the Good News will save it. (**Mark 8:35**)
- Then the man told Jesus the trouble, that this spirit put his son to. For the spirit whenever it seized the boy dashed him to the ground,

making his mouth foam and making him grind his teeth. Also he would **lose** his strength, being weakened. In Jesus' absence the man had approached Jesus' disciples seeking a cure through them, but they were unable to get the spirit to leave the boy.

- And wherever it seizes him it dashes him to the ground, and he foams and grinds his teeth and **loses** his strength. And I told your disciples to expel it, but they were not capable. (**Mark 9:18**)
- Jesus then showed, that salt is fine as a preservative. Yet what would happen if the salt itself, **loses** its preserving qualities, what then could be used to make it be preserved.
- Thus he encouraged them to have salt within themselves by acting as a preservative of peace toward one another. They should always try to lessen any conflict that might arise within themselves, so as to keep the peace among them. Thus they would have salt within themselves.
- Salt is fine, but if ever the salt **loses** its strength, with what will you season it itself? Have salt in yourselves, and keep peace between one another. (**Mark 9:50**)
- Jesus then told his disciples, that anyone who would try to save his soul in this life, would **lose** it, and whoever would willingly **lose** his soul in this life for his sake, is the one that will save it eternally.
- For whoever wants to save his soul will lose it, but whoever **loses** his soul for my sake is the one that will save it. (**Luke 9:24**)
- So Jesus then reasoned with them, that how could a man benefit if he gained all the things of the world around him, if he **lost** his ability to live, his very soul. If that was the case, then all of these other things would simply go for nothing.
- Really, what does a man benefit himself if he gains the whole world but **loses** his own self or suffers damage? (**Luke 9:25**)
- Then Jesus gave another illustration showing, that salt is fine when used as a preservative. But if the salt **loses** its strength, then how will food be seasoned. They as disciples of Christ were to be like salt, a preservative of God's way and teachings in the world around them. Yet if Christians became weak in their own following of the true teachings of Christianity, then what could now be used as a

preservative of mankind? Really if this happened then the whole world would go into moral decay. This is just what has happened!

- **Salt, to be sure, is fine. But if even the salt **loses** its strength, with what will it be seasoned? (Luke 14:34)**
- **Then Jesus gave another illustration along these same lines, that of a woman who lost one of her ten drachma coins within her house. Would not this woman light a lamp and search out her house sweeping the floor until she finds it?**
- **The woman is likened to a religious organization or house, that loses one of its members, to sinfulness. The only role that makes sense is to return the **lost** ones to the fold, by searching diligently until they are found, or returned through repentance. [See also, 1 Corinthians Chapter 5, and what later happened to that man through the congregation in Corinth.]**
- **Or what woman with ten drachma coins, if she **loses** one drachma coin, does not light a lamp and sweep her house and search carefully until she finds it? (Luke 15:8)**
- **Then Jesus showed, that whoever tried to save his soul would **lose** it, but that whoever **loses** it, would preserve it alive.**
- **Whoever seeks to keep his soul safe for himself will lose it, but whoever **loses** it will preserve it alive. (Luke 17:33)**