

Salt

The Lord Jesus Christ compares His people to salt. "Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

What is salt?

How is it brought into existence?

Answer:

By the union of two substances:

one, something from above, a gas or vapor, chlorine (ancient chemists called gasses "spirits"),
and second, something from below, of the earth, a dark, dull, grayish black metal, called sodium.

From this union a totally new substance, sodium chloride, or salt, is born.

Of course salt is found in nature widely distributed, but all the salt so found in mines, the ocean, vegetables, etc., is formed by the union of something from above with something from beneath and is properly called, in chemical parlance, sodium chloride.

Please note that the new substance is utterly different from the dull, dark metal of the earth, sodium.

It is:

white,
pure,
beautiful (in its crystalline form),
healing,
health-preserving,
decay-preventing,
characteristically different from everything else in the universe.

It is salt! Nothing else will take its place.

The dark, dull, unlovely metal of the earth, represents man in his natural state – "The first man is of the earth, earthy"
(1 Corinthians 15:47).

In John 3:3 it says, "Except a man be born again [marginal reading 'from above'], he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Something spiritual, something from above, even the Spirit of God unites with this being of earth, and a mighty re-creation is effected.
He is born of the Spirit, born again, born from above and becomes a new substance, or creation, in Christ Jesus.

As it is utterly impossible to obtain **natural salt** except by the **union** of something from above with something from beneath,
so is **spiritual salt** unobtainable except by **the moving of the Spirit of God on the human heart**.

It does not come by effort, good resolutions, or reformation; but by the Spirit of God coming upon us, **the power of the Highest overshadowing us**.

We are born of God, made partakers of the divine nature, heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God"
(1 John 3:2).

"Now." When?

After we have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ – "Ye are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:26).

And as salt is not sodium, so you are not the old Adam but a new creation in Christ Jesus.

"Not I but Christ."

White?

Yes, **white** through the blood of the Lamb.