## September 30

## Matthew 5: 13: Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Believer, Christ says you are the salt of the earth. It means believers are the reason this earth is preserved. Salt represents covenant in the scriptures. (Le 2: 13) We are exhorted to "Let your speech *be* alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col 4: 6)

Yet, brethren, there is no power in us to persevere or preserve ourselves, let alone the earth or any sinner in it. Christ is our Covenant by whom we are salted and preserved. (Jude 1:1; Is 42: 6; 49: 8) It is Christ alone who is the Grace of whom we speak and the Savor with which our speech is salted. If the glory of God in Christ Jesus is not all to us, in our purpose for gathering to worship, and in the message we set forth before the world then we have lost our Savor and have absolutely nothing with which to salt the earth. Wherever Christ is not All and in All, the people are good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. If we forsake the Preserver there remains no more preservative for us. Christ says, "it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." (Heb 10: 26; 2 Pet 2: 20-21)

How thankful we are that every elect, regenerated child Christ has purchased with his blood are kept by that covenant of salt which is everlasting and unchanging in Christ's precious blood. Let us rejoice that we are preserved by the Holy Spirit until the day when we shall be fully redeemed into heavens glory! (Eph 1: 13; 4: 30; Jn 6: 39; 10: 28)

Therefore let us cling ever closer to Christ so that by Christ alone, the gospel we send forth will continue to be "unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved and in them that perish. To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Cor 2: 15-16)