

Delectable Lingo

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Colossians 4:6 *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."*

One might ask: Who is Paul referring to right now? He is referring to those in the world, those outside the family of God. However, should we not be even more courteous to those in our family?

The translated Greek word for "grace" that Paul uses is *charis*, which implies "graciousness, of act or manner, especially the divine persuasion upon the heart, and its reflection in the life." A commentary by Matthew Henry states, "Grace is the salt which seasons our discourse, makes it savory and keeps it from corrupting."

The words that proceed from our lips reflect us more than any other aspect of our lives. For example, when we gossip, are those talks seasoned? Are they "savory"

to the hearing of others? When we speak maliciously to our family, physical and spiritual, are those words "seasoned"?

Consider it this way: If you and I are living sacrifices, and the altar is The Lord's table, what kind of dinner-table chat would be suitable while sharing a banquet with God? **Revelation 3:20** informs us that we will have the opportunity to dine with Christ. If we live our day-to-day as living sacrifices, then we are continually before the altar of God, right? Our actions, especially when it comes to speech, should always be done as if we are carrying on conversations at the table with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At His service,
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