

Feasting on Christ Jesus

Intro

Feasting on Christ Jesus in **two ways**. **Firstly**, Christ, since Christ always refers to the Messianic ministry of Salvation. **Secondly**, Jesus, the person, intimacy with Him who is a real personality and deeply personal. Deep intimacy with Jesus flows from the revelation of Him as Savior; *'he who has been forgiven much loves much'*.

That's why there's a theological reformation going on across the world because the Spirit within us knows the Bridegroom is getting ready to take a Bride into His the Chambers of Heaven; a Brides whose 'spots and wrinkles' of deception and confusion over who He is and who She is are being washed away by the Spirit of Grace & Truth.

It's an important word because it deals with a problem so rife in the Body of Christ and it's called spiritual malnutrition. It's not due to lack of eating, since the church has been strong in the Bible for the last couple of hundred years. It's been due to a lack of feeding on Christ Jesus Alone. Rick Joyner, the hordes of hell are marching - condemnation being eaten by Chrisitans.

In the current climate of Law or / and / vs Grace, I feel the line in the sand will be Jesus. "We preach Christ crucified."

The Exodus - "Sorry boys there's nothing else on the menu."

Numbers 11:5-6 (ESV)

(5) We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.

(6) But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

The Lord took me in Exodus and gave me a revelation that the deeper sin of Israel wasn't that they wanted meat, but in their cry for meat they we expressing that the heavenly provision of manna, which was a type and foreshadow of Christ, was insufficient, it wasn't enough. [1 Cor 10:1-3](#),

Isaiah - "wells and springs to rise from within."

Isaiah 12:3 (ESV) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:3 (YLT) And ye have drawn waters with joy Out of the fountains of salvation,

Isaiah 12:3 (GW) With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation.

Isaiah 44:3 (NKJV) For I will pour water on **him** who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your **descendants**, And My blessing on your **offspring**;

Joel 2:28 (ESV) "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Isaiah 35:3-10 (ESV) ⁽³⁾ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

(4) Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

(5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

- (6) then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth **in the wilderness**, and streams **in the desert**;
- (7) the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- (8) And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; **even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.**
- (9) No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
- (10) And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 55:1-3 (AMP) ⁽¹⁾ WAIT *and* listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk without money and without price [simply for the self-surrender that accepts the blessing].

⁽²⁾ Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your earnings for what does not satisfy? Harken diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness [the profuseness of spiritual joy].

⁽³⁾ Incline your ear [submit and consent to the divine will] and come to Me; hear, and your soul will revive; and I will make an everlasting covenant *or* league with you, even the sure mercy (kindness, goodwill, and compassion) promised to David.

John - "When you who is the well and the spring becomes a river." "We're never thirsty but we're always drinking."

John 4:14 (KJV) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but **the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

John 6:5 (ESV) Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

John 6:26-69 (ESV) ⁽²⁶⁾ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

⁽²⁷⁾ Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." (**Isa 55:2**)

⁽²⁸⁾ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

⁽²⁹⁾ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

⁽³⁰⁾ So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?"

⁽³¹⁾ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

⁽³²⁾ Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

⁽³³⁾ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

⁽³⁴⁾ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

⁽³⁵⁾ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

⁽³⁶⁾ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

- (37) All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
- (38) For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- (39) And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
- (40) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”
- (41) So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”
- (42) They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”
- (43) Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.
- (44) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.
- (45) It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ([Jer 31:34](#))
- (46) not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.
- (47) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.**
- (48) I am the bread of life.**
- (49) Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
- (50) This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.**
- (51) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**
- (52) The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
- (53) So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.**
- (54) Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.**
- (55) For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.**
- (56) Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.**
- (57) As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. (Jesus was nourished by intimacy with the Father)**
- (58) This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. **Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”**
- (59) Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.
- (60) When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”
- (61) But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”
- (62) Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?”
- (63) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.**
- (64) But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)
- (65) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”
- (66) After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.**

(67) So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

(68) **Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,**

(69) and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

[John 7:37-39](#) (ESV) (37) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

(38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘**Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**’ ”

(39) **Now this he said about the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

[John 7:37-38](#) (MSG) (37) On the final and climactic day of the Feast, Jesus took his stand. He cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

(38) Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me this way, just as the Scripture says."

[John 7:37](#) (WuestNT) Now, on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus was standing, and He shouted out in a loud voice, saying, If anyone is thirsty, let him be coming to me and let him be drinking. He who believes on me, just as the scripture said, rivers out of his inmost being shall flow, of living water. But this He said concerning the Spirit whom those who believed on Him were about to be receiving, for not yet was the Spirit sent, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Certain ones therefore of the crowd, having heard these words, were saying, This man is truly the prophet. Others were saying, This man is the Christ. But some were saying, Why, the Christ does not come out of Galilee, does He? Did not the scripture say that out of the family of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was, there comes the Christ?

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But those who ate manna, hungered again, died at last, and with many of them God was not well pleased; whereas they that feed on Christ by faith, shall never hunger, and shall die no more, and with them God will be for ever well pleased. Let us seek earnestly for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to turn all our knowledge of the doctrine of Christ crucified, into the spiritual nourishment of our souls by faith and love. Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary.

[Deuteronomy 8:3](#) (ESV) And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Could this be the 'blessed are those who hunger and thirst....their natural hunger and thirst are foreshadow of our own.)

[Matthew 4:4](#) (ESV) But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

The word of God is the manna by which our souls are nourished, [Mat 4:4](#). The comforts of the Spirit are hidden manna, [Rev 2:17](#). These come from heaven, as the manna did, and are the support and comfort of the Divine life in the soul, while we are in the wilderness of this world. (Matthew Henry Concise Bible Commentary.)