

## The Offering of Jesus' Body

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### Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,  
28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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### Jeremiah 15:16 ESV

16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

### Ezekiel 3:1-3 ESV

1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat.

3 And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

### Psalms 36:8 ESV

8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**The Biblical references to feeding are all about ABSORPTION; the process of INGESTION AND DIGESTION.**

### John 4:14 ESV

14 ...whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

### John 6:48-51 ESV

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."

John 6:54-56 ESV

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.

**SANCTIFICATION is God's work, not ours.**

Hebrews 10:10 ESV

**10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

- In error, we can perceive justification as what God does but sanctification is what we do.
- Everything needed for our sanctification - repentance, regeneration, cleansing, chastening, transformation - is all completely provided in the offering of the body of Jesus on the cross. Nothing else is needed, nothing is lacking, all is provided.
- Sanctification is not by our efforts or self-discipline, but by surrendering to the work of God. Sanctification is God's work, not ours.

Philippians 1:6

"...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:30 ESV

"...you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

John 6:28-29 NASB

28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

Hebrews 10:14 ESV

**14 For by a single offering he has perfected (teleioō - to make perfect, complete, accomplish, finish, carry through completely) for all time those who are being sanctified.**

- How can we be "perfect" if we are still "being sanctified?"

Ephesians 5:27 ESV

"so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

*Jude 1:24 ESV*

*24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy.*

*Colossians 1:21-23 ESV*

*21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,*

*22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,*

*23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

- *When we read that we are to be presented to the Father one day holy, blameless and above reproach, we:*
  - *interpret it as something we must do, perform and accomplish.*
  - *know that such a standard is impossible for us to ever achieve or maintain in the flesh.*
  - *are defeated and condemned by our own faults, failures and sins.*
- *The process of sanctification in our lives will never be finished on this side of heaven, whether you die today or live another 30 years. We will go to be with the Lord, either by rapture or by death, with imperfections, faults and sins still in our life.*
- *What the process of sanctification has not yet accomplished, the forgiveness of justification will cover. Therefore by both justification and sanctification, working simultaneously in unison, we will be presented before His throne as perfect in His sight, for... "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified." Hebrews 10:14*

*Luke 23:39-43 NASB*

*39 One of the criminals who were hanged [there] was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"*

*40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"*

*41 "And we indeed [are suffering] justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."*

*42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"*

*43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."*

***Hebrews 10:19 ESV***

***19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,***

***20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,***

***21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,***

***22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience [justification] and our bodies washed with pure water [sanctification].***