

## **You've Got to Eat Christ, Which is The Word**

*John 6:54, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*

**It depends on where you're eating, where you're getting your supply from.**

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That's my Message to you, Church, you **that's a spiritual union by the Word**, that **you're dead to these old husbands** (*Rom. 7:1-6*). **You're born anew** (*John 3:3-8*). Don't try to dig him up. He's dead. **If you're a born-again Christian, that little germ that was predestinated to you, it's Word coming on Word, on Word, on Word, on Word, and come into full stature of Christ** (*II Peter 1:3-11*), that's right, **so He can come get His Bride**. Now we're just ready for one thing, **that's the Coming of the Lord**.

There is your name on the Book of Life (*Rev. 13:8*). **The Book of Life is the Word of God**, 'cause the Word is God, **and God is the only thing that is Life**. **So your name was represented in the Bible before the Bible become on Word**. And if you're here to do that, won't It vindicate that Word? Won't the Church vindicate Itself? Won't Malachi 4, all these other things, perfectly, perfectly vindicate Itself and show that That's what It is? [2]

**And when a man has been born again by the Word of God** (*I Peter 1:22-23*), **predestinated to Eternal Life**, called "The Elected," **it'll be Word of God on top of Word, Word on Word!** Not a denominational creed and then a Word, and a creed; and it won't work. You can't have that leaven in It! (*I Cor. 5:6-9*). **Only one Eternal Life, Jesus Christ the Word**. [3]

And, Father, so is it today. The Church, **the true believer, the Body of believers** (*I Cor. 12:12-14*), **has access to Food, spiritual Food**, that the nominals know nothing about (*Rom. 5:2*). The world knows nothing of this Food, Father. But Your Church, **Your people, the Bride of Your Son, loves It**. [4]

I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; **I was only standing there when He appeared**. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect they are; **I'm only one that's near when He does it**. **It was only a voice that He used** (*Rev. 10:7*) to say It. It wasn't what I knew; **it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me, it wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was the manifestation of the Son of man**. It wasn't the angel, his message; **it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God**. The angel was not the Son of man; **he was the messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on**. You're not feeding on a man; a man, his words will fail. **But you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man** (*Luke 17:22-36; John 6:27 & 48-58*).

**If you haven't fed fully on every Word, to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it?** [5]

Now, **when a man is inspired (Rom. 8:14-16), and he reads the inspired Word (II Peter 1:18-21; II Tim. 3:16-17), the two inspirations together give a result. No matter how well you study the Word, It'll never do you no good till you're inspired yourself. It takes your inspiration with... The Word's already inspired.**

So what we need today is **an inspiration over us, God sweeping down with a new inspiration and breathing over us His power, and His love, and Himself, that it might inspire us to quicken us and waken us to His Word. And then the Word being brought into that spirit of inspiration, then you'll see miracles happen, and things take place, because the two just come together.** [6]

Now, this blessed old Book is a **Book of all books.** And there's only One can rightfully interpret this Book, **and that's the Holy Spirit. He's the Writer of it.**

And it's only One that can really interpret. **No matter how well we think we know it, we don't know it until the Holy Spirit has revealed it, because it's all a mystery. It's cut up in mysteries.** And God said He did it purposely, so He could hide It from the smart and wise, **but He would reveal It to babes such as would learn (Matt. 11:25-26).** [7]

Commune means **"to talk."** Communion really means **"to have fellowship, talk with each other."** If you talk on the phone to someone, you carry a conversation there, **you are communing one with another.** And if we should come aside and stand back in the back of the building, any individual and the pastor, or any two people, they are communing one with the other.

Now, you do not commune by radio or television, because you cannot talk back. You can by telephone, because you are communing one to another. I cannot commune with you now, because you do not talk back. So therefore, it would not be coming to hear a minister deliver his message. That would not be, coming together, to commune. If you come just to commune with the minister or any individual, you'd call him to one side and commune with him or her.

But to what we come into, communion, is for each of us **as individuals to commune with Christ.** That is communing. Then, communing is not altogether one doing the talking, us doing all the talking, but waiting and seeing what He says back to us.

Now there's where, many times, **that we make our great mistakes, is, we do all the talking and don't wait and give Him a chance to answer back.** We go sometimes, say, "Lord, I would that You would do so-and-so and so-and-so, amen," and get up and leave. Now, that really isn't communing. That's going and asking a favor. **But when you stay long enough until He answers back, that's when you're getting communion, communing with the Lord.** Now, and a great way to commune, is to be agreed, you must agree upon certain things.

Communion is "to talk, and it talks back, something that you talk to." The very word commune means "to talk to," or, "be associated with something that's talking

back to you." And **God talks back to you, communion.** And it's still bread and wine, that we call communion.

Now, Jesus said here, as I read, "My body is meat and drink, My Blood, body and Blood is meat and drink." (*John 6:48-58*).

**Eating is associated with it.**

Now, we want **to think of Jesus** and associate Him, **what He was.** What is His body? **What is the body of Christ? It's the body of believers that's associated with Him in the Holy Spirit.** Not an idol, not a piece of bread, **but a Spirit that's in the heart of the believer, and they are associated together, that when man and God can talk to each other, sons and daughters of God.** Mortal man, through the shedding of the Blood brought remission of sin (*Eph. 1:7*), and this man and this woman, boy or girl, **that has fellowship with Christ, is communing with Him, the body.**

As a husband and wife would sit down and talk it over, or a boy and his girlfriend, **Christ and His Church is communing together.** That's the reason we can hear from Him, **and see the future before it gets here,** and can tell the future that it's perfect (*John 16:13*), because that we commune with a God Who holds Eternity in His hand. **Communing one with another, the Body of Christ, the mystical, spiritual Body of Christ.** Not associated with any kind of an idol, or a bread or a wine, **but in a spiritual form.**

**God is a Spirit** (*John 4:24*). **Christ means "the anointed one, a man anointed with God," which made Him the Christ** (*John 1:40-42*). Now, Christ said, "I am Food and Drink." Not a wafer that we take here. That isn't Christ. The wine that we drink at the altar, is not Christ. It represents Him, in a figurative way. **But Christ is the Holy Spirit, the anointing that's upon the Church,** that is the Meat and the Drink (*John 6:54-55*). [8]

One day He begin to speak, and said, "*I and the Father are one.*" (*John 10:30-33*).

"Oh, You make Yourself equal with God, see. Oh, my! We want nothing to do with that Fellow, anymore."

And all these other things He had begin to say, "*Except you eat the Flesh of the Son of man.*" What do you think a doctor would have thought, sitting in there? What do you think any man would, just common thinking? "You have to eat My Flesh and drink My Blood." (*John 6:48-58*).

They said, "This Man is a vampire, not a minister. Stay away from that Man, He is crazy. Stay away from Him."

**But it was the Truth. See, it was the Truth. "Except you eat It, you'll perish. You'll all die, if you don't eat It."**

**That's the same thing today. The bread and wine are only a symbol,** don't let that natural thing get you down. **You've got to eat Christ, which is the Word that you live by,** "every Word that proceedeth," the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. [9]

John 6:53-57, "Meat indeed and Drink indeed." Listen what He said here. And as the living Father hath sent me, and I live by My Father: **so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

In other words, "The Father sent Me, and I live by Him. **And every man that comes to Christ must live by Christ.**" Oh, my, there you are, **that's the communion. That's the real communion that you find when you live by Christ.**

Now, our bodies need food and drink each day, **to survive, our physical body.** If we don't take food each day and drink, then our body weakens. There's something in us that we must have food. One day's food will not last for the next day. You've got to have food each day, to strengthen your mortal being. You can live over, but you're weaker. And the second day, you're still weaker. And the third day, you're getting tremendous weak.

Well, that's what many times **that we do in the spiritual realm.** You see, **each day we've got to commune with Christ. We've got to talk to Him each day. We've got to settle it with Him each day.** Paul said, "I die each day (*I Cor. 15:30-34*). **Each day, I die; yet I live, not me but Christ lives in me.**" (*Gal. 2:18-20*). So, if your physical body needs food each day and drink each day, **to survive, your spiritual body needs spiritual Food and communion with the Lord each day, to survive.** Yes. Jesus said, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*" (*Matt. 4:1-4*). **So, each day we've got to study the Bible.** Some people don't study It at all. Some picks It up every two or three times a year. **But, a real, real believer that's really spiritually built up, he reads his Bible every day, and talks to the Lord.** That's right. He has to.

Now, **another thing we take food for, is to build up our body to resist diseases.** If you don't take food, and let your body get weak, then it's subject to diseases. **Diseases will break right into the blood stream,** and here you're gone. If your blood isn't rich and pure, well, then disease will go right into your blood stream. So you've got to eat good nourishing food to keep your blood stream right. If you don't, you're allergic to diseases. That's what's the matter with a lot of Christians.

And that's what's the matter today, we got better-dressed Christians, bigger churches, and a lot of education, lot of theology, **but they have to be babied all the time,** you have to look through their glass or you're not seeing at all. **What we need is some thoroughbred Christians, born under the Blood of the Lord Jesus, that live not off of church theology, but off of the Word of God, the communion with Christ. The Word coming into the believer, his spiritual body is built up.**

And that's what's the matter today with the people. That's what's the matter with the church. We got so much baby shots and man-made theology, until we're sprayed over. **What we need is God's inoculation by the Word of the Lord God.** Man shall live daily by that kind of a Food, **to build his soul into inoculation from spiritual diseases** that's flowing and jumping around the country.

Now, build up, **get ready for the inoculation.** Now, we live by this, our bodies must have this. And, if we don't then we are subject to all kinds of diseases. **And the Word of God, as we believe It and accept It by communion, "Lord, Thy Word is Truth."**

**You can't have Life, only through Christ. And now what does His Word do? It builds up our spiritual body, strong, as we commune with Him, to resist the Devil (*James 4:6-7*).**

You say, "Brother Branham, what's that you say, 'communing in His Word'?"

Yes, He is the Word. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."* (John 1:1,14). **And we are to eat His body. Then His body is His Word, because He is the Word.** And He said, in Saint John 15, *"If ye abide in Me, and My communion, My Word, abides in you, then you can ask what you will and it'll be done for you."* There you are. That's true. See, ask what you will!

What do you do? You're building up your body to inoculation.

*"If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then ask what you will,"* see, "and it'll be done." Now, it just can't go one time, then off the next. ***"Ye abide in Me, My Words abide in you,"* that's, stay there. Abide means to "rest there, stay right there."** Yes, it's inoculation from sinful diseases.

**The Blood and the Body of the Lord, mixed with faith, that's the Blood and the Body, that's the Spirit and the Word, mixed with faith, equals Eternal Life.** *"He that eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has Eternal Life, and I will raise him up at the last day."* (John 6:54). There you are. What is it? **The communion of the Lord. The Word and the Spirit, this Life is in the Blood, the Word and the Spirit equals Eternal Life, by faith in the Lord.**

Commune with His Word. *"If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then ask Me what you will and it'll be done for you."* How beautiful! **There's real communion with the Word and the Spirit, with faith to wave It together,** *"Ask what you will, and it'll be done for you."* (John 16:23; Mark 11:24). [8]

Notice, **God told the prophet, said, "Eat the scroll," in the Old Testament (Ezek. 2:9-10; 3:1-7). The prophet of the New Testament, He said, "Eat the little book," (Rev. 10:8-11). Why? That the prophet and the Word would be one! See? That's the Ark, the Word of God.**

God has promised His Word, how It would be fulfilled and how It would come to pass **when He chose His Bride, how it would be done.** It's happening right before you, in the Name of the Lord, **and that's by the original Word! The evening-time Message is here.** [10]

That Word has to come to pass, It's God's Word! **Plant It in your heart, if you want to go in a Rapture (I Thess. 4:15-18). If you want to be Christians genuine, place this Word.** As I believe it was Ezekiel, **God said, "Take that scroll and eat it up," that the prophet and the Word would become the same. And every promise in there has to manifest itself, because it's God's original Seed.** Don't you let some educated theologian out here try to pump It out of you. Don't you let him spray you with that carnal science and knowledge, and education. Believe God!

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All nature is waiting for its master. **And the master is the sons of God that was given this earth.** Now, **God will have His heavens,** of course, but this was given to man (*Gen. 1:28-30*). And the Kinsman Redeemer come to redeem us back to that we lost. How beautiful! My! I just think that's **"a Lamb Redeemer."**

**When the work is finished, we have all things again. What kind of all things? We have all power. We have Eternal Life. We have Eternal health. We have Eternal youth. We have Eternal power. Oh, we're just Eternal with the Eternal!** And, then, we're all waiting for that time to come, waiting and groaning, waiting (*Rom. 8:18-23*).

And this sevenfold **Book of seven redemption plans** has been brought to us, and that's what this Book holds. Now, we're going to get over in Revelations 10th chapter where this mighty Angel proclaims something that... and He had a little Book **that John had to eat**. And when he did, he got it into his belly and it was bitter, but in his lips it was sweet (*Rev. 10:8-11*).

**When you have to digest It, then it gets bitter, everybody's against you,** everybody telling "You're a holy roller, you're this, that, or the other." See? "You're off your head." **So it's hard to digest It; but when you're testifying of His Glory, It's sweet in your lips.** That's all. See? And when you stand up in a meeting, you say, "Glory to God! Hallelujah!" Oh, when you're going through that great seige, it's hard; but then when you're out of that great seige you can testify of it, then It's sweet in the lips. See? That's right. **That's this Book of redemption.** [12]

Gracious and Noble Holy Father, God, the great I AM, the El Shaddai, to Abraham. O God, how this great communion of the Lord equals Eternal Life, and how It inoculates from pride, how It inoculates from unbelief, how It inoculates from the sin of the world! **It's communion, with love Divine to our Heavenly Father. And by the righteousness of Jesus Christ we have the access to this table** (*Rom. 5:1-2*). And we pray, Lord, that You will give each of us that **access today, in the Spirit**. Forgive us. And **we want our spiritual bodies to grow**. We do not care about joining some church or denomination. **We want to build the spiritual body, to the inoculation of sin, to a place where there is no more desire to do wrong,** and where the Holy Spirit can **take His Own Word and our lips, and speak It just as fresh as It was spoken on that day, because It's the same Spirit that was in the Lord Jesus**. I pray, Father, that You'll give that to us. [8]

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- [5] "The Anointed Ones At The End Time" (65-0725M), par. 269-270
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*There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It.*

[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]