

## Jesus said to eat His flesh and drink His blood?

When the Lord spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood (John 6:51-56), He was speaking a mystery (Mt 13), as He often does throughout Scripture. He wasn't speaking of eating a wafer and drinking grape juice/wine. Nor was He saying to eat His earthly flesh and drink His earthly blood (which the Law forbade – Lev 17:14; Deut 12:23).

Consider that the Lord's flesh refers to **the Word of God**. His blood refers to **the Holy Spirit of God**. God changes and grows people by His Word and Holy Spirit. View sample Scriptures...

<p>COME TO HIM, EAT THE WORD OF GOD "My flesh is true food" (Jn 6:55)</p>	<p>BELIEVE IN HIM, DRINK THE SPIRIT OF GOD "My blood is true drink" (Jn 6:55)</p>
<p>And <b>the Word became flesh</b>, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)</p> <p><b>Thy words were found and I ate them</b>, And Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts. (Jer 15:16)</p> <p>Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; <b>eat this scroll</b>, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and <b>He fed me this scroll</b>. (Ezek 3:1,2)</p> <p>And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, <b>take the book</b> which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "<b>Take it, and eat it</b>; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." (Rev 10:8-9)</p> <p>"Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? <b>Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good</b>, And delight yourself in abundance." (Isa 55:2)</p>	<p>For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to <b>drink of one Spirit</b>. (1Cor 12:13)</p> <p>And <b>do not get drunk with wine</b>, for that is dissipation, <b>but be filled with the Spirit</b> (Eph 5:18)</p> <p>and <b>all drank the same spiritual drink</b>, for they were <b>drinking from a spiritual rock</b> which followed them; and the rock was <b>Christ</b>. (1Cor 10:4)</p> <p>Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him <b>come to Me and drink</b>." (John 7:37)</p> <p><b>But this He spoke of the Spirit</b>, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:39)</p> <p>"When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is <b>the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father</b>, He will bear witness of Me" (Jn 16:13)</p> <p>"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, <b>how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?</b>" (Luke 11:13)</p>

and have **tasted the good word of God** and the powers of the age to come (Heb 6:5)

and **all ate the same spiritual food** (1Cor 10:3)

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT **LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.**'" (Matt 4:4)

'Give us this day our **daily bread.** (Mt 6:11)

Since **there is one bread**, we who are many are one body; for we all **partake of the one bread.** (1Cor 10:17)

Is not **the bread** which we break a sharing in **the body of Christ?** (1Cor 10:16)

In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God. (Jn 1:1)

"Do not work for the food which perishes, but for **the food which endures to eternal life**, which the Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, has set His seal." (Jn 6:27)

Jesus therefore 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 yourselves.**" (John 6:53)

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning **the Word of Life** (1Jn 1:1)

And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and **His name is called The Word of God.** (Rev 19:13)

"But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." (Jn 14:26)

"But when **He, the Spirit of truth**, comes, He **will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." (Jn 16:13)

"Then **the Spirit of the LORD will come** upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and **be changed** into another man." (1Sam 10:6)

And in the same way He took **the cup** after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant in My blood.**" (Lk 22:20)

Is not **the cup of blessing** which we bless a sharing in **the blood of Christ?** (1Cor. 10:16)

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'For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**' (Lev 17:11)

"**It is the Spirit who gives life**" (Jn 6:63)

Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.**" (Jn 6:35)