

2Pt 3:16-18 *Warning!*

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Scriptures ... ⇒ “**destruction**”!**

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Critical! Misinterpret/ ignorance...false doctrine... alleged contradictions...rejection of Christ

Jn 6:32-33 “**bread** of God...comes down out of heaven...life”

v34 - misunderstood -> mistaken expectations! (cmpr soc. Gos. today)

Jn 6:54 “He who **eats my flesh** and **drinks my blood** ...”

V52,60,66 - misunderstood & rejected Him! (Today - transubstantiation)

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“**bread** out of heaven” - provided *physical* life **v31** (Moses)

“**bread** out of heaven” - provides *eternal* life - **GOSPEL** of C. **vv63,68**

“**flesh**” & “**blood**” further define the “bread” one must “eat” - the gospel of the *crucified* Messiah! **v51**

“**eat...drink**” - *physical* act necessary to physical life **v26**

“**eat...drink**” - **BELIEVE** - *mental* act - nec. to “eternal life” **v47,48**

Jn 6:26 "because you ate of the **loaves** and were filled. **27** "Do not work for the **food** which perishes, but for the **food** which endures to eternal life ... **32,33** *comes down out of heaven* ... **35** I am the **bread** of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who **BELIEVES** in Me will never thirst ... **36** you have seen Me, and yet do not **BELIEVE** ... **40** everyone who beholds the Son and **BELIEVES** in Him will have eternal life ... **44-46** ... **47** he who **BELIEVES** has eternal life. **48** I am the **bread** of life **50** This is the **bread** *which comes down out of heaven*, so that one may **eat of it** and not die **51** I am the living **bread** that *came down out of heaven*; if anyone **eats of this bread**, he will live forever; and the **bread** also which I will give for the life of the world is **My flesh** ... **53** unless you **eat the flesh** of the Son of Man and **drink His blood**, you have no life in yourselves **54** He who **eats My flesh** and **drinks My blood** has eternal life ... **56** He who **eats** My flesh and **drinks** My blood ... **57** he who **eats** Me, he also will live ... **58** he who **eats this bread** will live forever **63** the **WORDS** that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life **64** there are some of you who do not **BELIEVE** ... **68** You have **WORDS** of eternal life **69** We have **BELIEVED** and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God

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The GOSPEL of the crucified Messiah who came from heaven

Jn 6 - “came down out of heaven ... my flesh ... I will give for the life of the world ... he who believes has eternal life”

Four “gospels:

- **Mt 1:23** baby — “God with us” ...
- **Mk 1:1** the “LORD” is coming ...
- **Lk 1:35** child — Son of God” ...
- **Jn 1:1,14** “the Word became flesh”

Jesus’ prayer for the apostles: **Jn 17:3,8,18,23,25**

Apostles & prophets preaching / teaching:

- Peter - **Ac 2:22-23...36...38** ...
- Paul - **Ac 26:22-23** ...
- Hebrews **10:4-5...10**; etc.

Personal responsibility

1Th 5:19-22

“examine” / “test”!

Mk 16:15-16

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1Jn 2:20 “you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and -> you all know.

“Anointing” = *chrisma*, an ointment made usu. of oil and herbs.

Clearly *figurative*. **Metonymy** - one thing put for another

2:24 “what you heard from the beginning abides in you”

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Examples today

- “pick up your **room**” (things in your room)
- “**weep** with you” (sympathize, empathize with you)

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Clear Bible Examples

- **Mt 6:13** - do not lead us into temptation
Ex 5:22...23; Ps 16:10 (ftnt); **1Co 10:13**
- **Isa 6:10** make heart dull **Ac 28:25f**
- **1Co 7:1** touch

Passages where critical in interpretation

- **Acts 1:18** - acquired field **Mt 27:6-7**
- **Lk 22:17,20** - "cup " for contents *dimerizo*
divide into parts **Mt 27:35, Lk 12:52,53**
- **Mt 8:12** - sons of the kingdom; cmpr **13:38**
- **Mt 16:19** - "bind...loose" (cmpr **Jer 1:10**)
Ac 2:37,38,42
- **Tit 1:5** - "appoint"

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- **Mt 8:12** - sons of the kingdom; cmpr **13:38**
- **Mk 6:48** - intended to pass by; see **Mt 14:24-27; Jn 6:19-20** cmpr **Lk 24:28**

WHY do you read?

Sch...? Wrk...? Sec.inter...? Other peo. lives...?
Enjoy...? News...? Infor., answers ...(ChatGPT/AI)

Ecc 12:11-14 “given by one Shepherd” vs “many books”

Ac 17:21 “telling or hearing something new”

2Pt 1:21; 2Tim 3:15 DIVINE guidance!

BIBLE ...?



So “you can understand...” Eph 3:4

- ▶ God’s plan of redemption in Christ! **Eph 3:3-8**
- ▶ How how we “created” to “walk”! **2:10...4:1f**

WHAT do you read?

FB, Twit., Insta., Web, Mag., Novels...etc.

How much time...?

BIBLE ...?



How much time...?

**Young
People**

Judged by!

Jn 5:45-46; Lk 10:25-26; 16:28-29

Danger...unseen changes ...

“It takes at least one generation to make the change and at least one more generation to understand and admit the change” p16

“Emergence of the Church of Christ Denomination” by David Harrel (orig. 1962)

Q.: *Where are we??*

Characteristics of NT Christians

- Believe had “the truth” **Gal 2:4-5; Jude 3**
 - ▶ Will. to debate **Ac 6:9; 15:2; 17:17; 18:28**
 - ▶ Know. of truth emp. – **22 ltrs; 1Ti 3:14; 6:6,11,15,16; 5:7,21; 6:2; 2Tim 2:15-16**
- Bel. in “the church” **1Jn 5:19; Eph 4:4-6**
- Strict morally – **1Pt 4:3-4**
- Fervent – **Ac 2:42,44-46; 5:42; 8:4; 15:35**
(to sociologist = “sect”)

“Using the terminology of modern religious sociologists and historians, the early nineteenth century religious movement led by Alexander Campbell & Barton Stone was a “legalistic sect” (Harrell, p9)

Note: Do not let such terms disturb you!

Sadd. (Ac 5:17), Phar. (Ac 15:5) ...

**But *also of the early church!* Ac 24:5,14;
28:22**

Characteristics of “Denomination” (*to sociologist*)

- **Less dogmatic**
- **Tolerant of other churches**
- **Generally accept moral standards of society**
- **Less active, fervent – more interested in world about them**

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