

**Overview:** We need to eat Christ as our meal offering so that He can live again on the earth through us in His divinely enriched humanity: The Gospel of Luke unveils the God-man living of the Lord Jesus, the Man-Savior as typified by the meal offering. We eat the meal offering not only in the first form as flour—the individual Christ; we also eat the meal offering in the second form as a cake—the corporate Christ, the church. We need to be blended together into one Body by living the meal-offering church life. By partaking of Christ as the meal offering, we may possess the humanity of Jesus for the Lord's recovery, for the spiritual warfare, and for the kingdom of God.

I. The meal offering typifies Christ in His humanity as food for God and especially for those who have fellowship with God and serve Him.

II. We need to eat Christ as our meal offering so that He can live again on the earth through us in His divinely enriched humanity:

A. By eating Christ as our meal offering, we become the reproduction, duplication, and enlargement of Christ as the meal offering—an offering composed of humanity oiled with divinity in resurrection through Christ's death and without leaven or honey.

B. By eating Christ as our meal offering, we can live and magnify Him, the wonderful, excellent, and mysterious God-man who lived in the Gospels.

III. The Gospel of Luke unveils the God-man living of the Lord Jesus, the Man-Savior as typified by the meal offering:

A. In the Gospel of Luke we see the kind of man that God intended to have in Genesis 1 and 2:

1. God's purpose is to have a corporate God-man in order to express Him and represent Him.¶

2. The incarnation of Christ is closely related to God's purpose in His creation of man.

3. The Lord Jesus, the God-man, is a composition of the divine essence with all the divine attributes and the human essence with all the human virtues.

4. The conception of the Savior was God's incarnation (the mingling of God and man as typified by the meal offering), constituted not only by the divine power but also of the divine essence added to the human essence, thus producing the God-man of two natures—divinity and humanity: a. The Man-Savior is a genuine man with the real human nature and the perfect human virtues for the qualification to be man's Savior.

b. He is also the complete God with the true divine nature and the excellent divine attributes to empower and ensure His ability to save man.¶ c. When He was on earth, the Man-Savior lived a life that was the mingling of the divine attributes and the human virtues; this is the highest standard of morality.

d. Christ expressed in His humanity the bountiful God in His rich attributes through His aromatic virtues, by which He attracted and captivated people, not by living His human life in the flesh but by living His divine life in resurrection. e. The divine nature with its attributes was expressed in the Lord's human nature with its virtues; thus, the living of the Lord Jesus was humanly divine and divinely human.

B. The Gospel of Luke unveils the ministry of the Man-Savior in His human virtues with His divine attributes.

C. As revealed in the Gospel of Luke, the Lord Jesus had the highest standard of morality:

1. The highest standard of morality is the standard of life required by God—a life in which the divine attributes are expressed in the human virtues. 2. The highest standard of morality is the living of the One—the Lord Jesus Christ as the Man-Savior—whose life was a composition of God with the divine attributes and man with the human virtues. 3. A living where the human life is filled with the divine life and where the human virtues are strengthened and enriched by the divine attributes is what we call the highest standard of morality. 4. God is expressed in the living that is according to the highest standard of morality.

IV. By partaking of Christ as the meal offering, we become the reproduction of Christ—the church as a corporate meal offering:

A. Romans 8 reveals that, as believers in Christ, we should be a duplication of Christ as the meal offering; we should be a copy, a reproduction, of Christ and thus be the same as He is.¶

B. If we eat Christ as the meal offering, we will be constituted with Christ and thereby become the enlargement of Christ as the meal offering—the church as the corporate Christ, the corporate meal offering.

C. The meal offering, which is our daily supply, is not merely Christ but Christ with the church life:

1. Our hunger is satisfied not only by Christ but also by the church life; therefore, we should feed not only on Christ but also on the church life.

2. We eat the meal offering not only in the first form as flour—the individual Christ; we also eat the meal offering in the second form as a cake—the corporate Christ, the church.

D. We need to be blended together into one Body by living the meal-offering church life:

1. The flour meal offering signifies both the individual Christ and the individual Christian; the cake meal offering signifies the corporate Christ, Christ with His Body, the church.¶

2. The meal offering is a type of the blending for the fulfillment of God's economy:

a. In order to be blended in the Body life, the meal-offering church life, we have to go through the cross and be by the Spirit, dispensing Christ to others for the sake of the Body of Christ.

b. Fellowship blends us; that is, it tempers, adjusts, harmonizes, and mingles us, causing us to lose our distinctions and saving us from leaving the impress of our personality upon the church's life and work so that Christ can be all and in all.

V. By partaking of Christ as the meal offering, we may possess the humanity of Jesus for the Lord's recovery, for the spiritual warfare, and for the kingdom of God:

A. We need the humanity of Jesus for the Lord's recovery:

1. Because of the degradation of the church and the corruption of society, we are in a situation that requires the Lord's humanity for His recovery:

a. In order to have the Lord's recovery in such a degraded time, we need a proper humanity.

b. In order to stand up in this degraded age, what we need is not mainly the divine power but the humanity of Jesus.¶

c. The Lord is doing a recovery work in which He needs a people who take Him as their humanity.

2. In the midst of the degradation of the church and the corruption of society, we are here for the Lord's recovery, and for this we need the humanity of Jesus to fulfill God's purpose.

B. We need the humanity of Jesus for the spiritual warfare:

1. The spiritual warfare between the enemy and the saints is mainly dependent upon the humanity of Jesus.

2. For the church to fight the spiritual warfare, we all need the proper humanity.

3. To fight the battle against the enemy, we must exercise the humanity of Jesus.

4. In ourselves we do not have the proper humanity, but we have Christ within us, and His humanity is the proper humanity for the spiritual warfare.

C. We need the humanity of Jesus for the kingdom of God:

1. For God to have a kingdom on the earth, there is the need for His redeemed and regenerated people to possess the humanity of Jesus and to have the proper human virtues.

2. When we have the humanity of Jesus, we will not only be in the kingdom of God—we will be the kingdom of God.

**Day1:** Lev2:1 *And when anyone presents an offering of a meal offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.*

John6:57 *As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.*

Gen1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Day2:** Luke1:35 *And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.*

2:52 *And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature and in the grace manifested in Him before God and men.*

Col2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

**Day3:** Luke2:40 *And the little child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.*

Mat5:48 *You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Luke6:35 But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

**Day4:** Lev2:3 *And what is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire.*

1Cor10:17 *Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.*

Rom8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**Day5:** John12:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

2Tim1:9 *Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages*

**Day6:** Rom14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Rev1:9 *I John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

Heb2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

### Experience ①: Church life is not an angelic life but a life with full of humanity

God wants to have a meal offering in every locality. He desires that every local church be a meal offering that satisfies Him and that fully supplies the saints day by day.

Our hunger is satisfied not only by Christ but also by the church life. The church life satisfies us because the church life is a corporate meal offering, with the top portion for God and the remainder for us. Therefore, we are fed by and with the church life. The church life is the meal offering to be our daily supply. Hallelujah for the meal-offering church life!

The church life is not an angelic life but a life full of humanity. However, some Christians have been told that they should try to be like angels and no longer live like human beings. This concept is altogether wrong...For the church life we need to be very human. But this humanity should not be separate from the Holy Spirit; rather, it should be a humanity which is mingled with the Holy Spirit and which has the Holy Spirit poured upon it. In other words, for the church life we need to be oiled persons, those who are oiled by the Spirit and with the Spirit.

With the meal offering there is the individual aspect, and there is also the corporate aspect. Today Christ does not live merely in an individual way; He also lives with His Body, the church. Christ lives before God in a corporate way. He is the Head, and He has His Body with its members. Therefore, with the meal offering in the form of a cake we have the church life.

In order to have a cake meal offering, we need fine flour mingled with oil. The mingling of flour and oil will produce dough. The dough is then baked in an oven and becomes a cake. This cake is a symbol of the church life. This symbol indicates that eventually Christ's life and our individual Christian life become a totality, and this totality is the church life.

#### For Junior/Senior High Students

From later 1960's to early 1970's, hippies were prevalent in the U.S. They were a kind of people who were thinking that it was much better for them to have an easy life without seeking material prosperity and without studying hard than to work hard. During the age when such trend came into the church life, brother Lee encouraged the brothers and sisters who have taken years off from college and lived like hippies, recommending them to return to their colleges and graduate. He also encouraged them that once they graduated, they should try to proceed to the graduate school to obtain a master degree if possible, and once obtained the degree, then they should study more to obtain the doctor degree.

What is the most important for junior/senior high students is to study. The second is to learn in school life to establish good relationship with their teachers and their classmates and to coordinate in something as a team. You should not consider these things are too bothersome and handle them casually. You should not think that you don't need to study hard because you do not want to become a rich person or a college professor. This kind of thinking is the same as wishing to escape from the real life to live an angelic life. The trend of Hippie is like wishing to live such an angelic life. A normal person gets up early, eats normally, studies normally, works normally, sleeps normally. You should realize that what God desires is a normal person. Any thought which deny the normal human life comes from Satan. The purpose of Satan is to make you useless for God's economy. Angels do not have labor in daily life, but God desires a normal person, not an angel. As a normal junior/senior high school student, you need to put a normal effort little by little on your study every day.

### Exercise ②: The normal humanity of Jesus for the spiritual warfare

We must declare and even proclaim to this universe that we are here as genuine men. We are here as a corporate man taking Jesus as our humanity. This will terrify the enemy. The tempter came to the Lord Jesus and said, "If You are the Son of God...." But the Lord Jesus answered by referring to Himself as a man (Matt. 4:3-4). That terrified the enemy. We must be "Jesusly" human. Every member of the church in the Lord's recovery must be a proper man, even an "acacia" man. This will be a strong testimony, and the mouth of the enemy will be shut.

The spiritual warfare between the enemy and the saints is not so much in divine power but in the proper humanity. For the spiritual warfare we need the humanity of Jesus. To fight the battle against the enemy, we must exercise the humanity of Jesus in our daily walk. Our family life needs the humanity of Jesus. Among the saints in the church we need the humanity of Jesus. In other words, if we are not proper in humanity, it is impossible for us to defeat Satan; we are defeated already.

By ourselves we cannot be such a person, but He is such a person in us, and His humanity is such a proper humanity for the spiritual warfare. The meal offering we present to God is composed of such a humanity.

#### For young working saints

Please recognize that the business life is a life of warfare by seeing the example of Daniel. Daniel 6:3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself among the chief ministers and satraps because in him there was an excellent spirit, and the king considered setting him over the whole kingdom. 4 Then the chief ministers and satraps sought to find a ground for accusation against Daniel from the perspective of the kingdom, but they could find no ground for accusation or fault, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or fault was found related to him. 7 All the chief ministers of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have taken counsel together that the king should establish a statute and make firm an edict that anyone who makes a petition within the next thirty days to any god or man besides you, O king, shall be cast into the lions' den. 10 Now when Daniel came to know that the writing had been signed, he went to his house (in his upper room he had windows open toward Jerusalem) and three times daily he knelt on his knees and prayed and gave thanks before his God, because he had always done so previously. 13 Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, has not respected you, O king, or the edict that you have signed, but three times daily makes his petition. 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king responded and said to Daniel, Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.

Satan is trying to destroy your faith and church life by using degraded people. If you are normal, you will surely be attacked by Satan. But praise the Lord. God can rescue you just like He had rescued Daniel. The important thing is to have the testimony of a person who work diligently, keep holding onto the faith without being afraid of oppositions. 22 My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouth, and they have not hurt me, inasmuch as before Him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm. 23 Then the king was very pleased concerning him, and he commanded that they take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and he was found completely unhurt, because he had trusted in his God. 24 Then the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel and threw them into the lion's den, them, their children, and their wives; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

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| <p>2. 試れんのなかでも、日々イエスしよくせば、<br/>ひとなるイエスーが わがすべてとなる。<br/>食べる、食べる、 イエス食べれば、<br/>かれのじんせいで、 われは満たされる。</p> <p>3. わが人性がイエスと なるまでイエス飲もう<br/>あふれながらまで、 さらにイエスを飲もう。<br/>飲め、飲め、イエス、 さらに飲めば、<br/>かわきはいやされ、 主のじんせい持つ。</p> <p>4. かみのご計かくが かんせいするまで、<br/>召かいが新じんを 表現すまで食べる。<br/>かんで、はん芻し、 素祭なるイエス、<br/>集かいの天まくに 持ち寄りささげる。</p> | <p>2. Let us eat Jesus every day,<br/>Eating His flesh in such a way<br/>That in the trials great or small<br/>He as a Man will be our all.<br/>Eat, eat more of Jesus!<br/>Eat, eat more of Jesus!<br/>Why should we undernourished be<br/>When we have His humanity?</p> <p>3. Let us drink Jesus till we see<br/>That we are human, Jesusly!<br/>Till rivers flood the barren ground<br/>And quench the thirst of all around.<br/>Drink, drink more of Jesus!<br/>Drink, drink more of Jesus!<br/>Why should we ever thirsty be<br/>When we have His humanity?</p> <p>4. We must eat Jesus till God can<br/>Have the fulfillment of His plan—<br/>One man expressed for all to see,<br/>One church in each locality.<br/>We'll masticate Jesus!<br/>We'll masticate Jesus!<br/>Then to the tent of meeting bring<br/>Jesus, our real meal offering.</p> | <p>1. 我们天天吃主耶稣，以祂人性作为食物，<br/>“人之中人”应付所需，任何试炼都不足惧。<br/>更多吃主耶稣！ 更多吃主耶稣！<br/>祂的人性丰富超特，只管吃祂，何必挨饿。</p> <p>2. 我们饮与耶稣的灵，有分于祂拔高人性，<br/>直至流出活水江河，滋润多人，解除干涸。<br/>更多喝主耶稣！ 更多喝主耶稣！<br/>祂的人性丰富超特，只管喝祂，何必干渴。</p> <p>3. 天天吃主，消化吸收，使神计划得以成就—<br/>各地召会得着建立，一个新人显于全地。<br/>天天吃喝耶稣！ 天天吃喝耶稣！<br/>将祂丰富带到会幕，献作素祭，神，人满足。</p> |
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