

Christian Students Association Bible Study

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THE THOUGHT OF GOD TO BE MAN'S LIFE RUNNING THROUGH THE DIVINE REVELATION FROM BEGINNING TO END

I. The thought of God being man's life runs through the entire divine revelation. (Gen. 1:11-12, 20-21, 24-27; 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-6, 22-24; Eph. 4:17-19; Psa. 36:8-9; John 6:35, 48-58, 63; 7:37-39; 1 Cor. 10:3-4; Rev. 2:7; 21:6; 22:1-2)

A. The Old Testament begins with the tree of life (Gen. 2:9), and the New Testament ends with the tree of life (Rev. 22:2).

1. Beginning the Old Testament, God in Genesis 2 introduces Himself to man as the Tree of Life for man's eating.

Genesis 2:9 says, "And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden. . ."

2. Beginning the New Testament, God being man's life begins with the incarnation. God came to be incarnated that man may receive Him as grace and reality, both of which are God Himself to be man's life as man's eternal portion (John 1:14, 16, 4).

John 1:14 says, "And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality."

John 1:16 says, "For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace."

John 1:4 says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

3. In John 6:35 the Lord said to His disciples, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst."

- a. This proves that the bread of life is related to the water of life.
 - b. The bread of life deals with the problem of hunger, and the water of life deals with the problem of thirst.
4. First Corinthians 10:3-4 says, "All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ."
 5. Revelation 2:7 says, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God."
 6. Revelation 21:6 says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely."
 - a. Chapter 2 speaks of eating, and chapter 21 speaks of drinking.
 - b. Even the end of the Bible is concerning eating and drinking.

Revelation 22:1-2 say, "And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street. And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month. . ."

- B. When you dig into the holy Word concerning the matter of life, you will see that the main thing the Word unveils to us is that God desires to be life to man.

John 10:10 says, ". . .I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly."

Questions:

1. Why does God desire to be life to man?
2. What does the Tree of Life have to do with man's eating?
3. Where in the Old and New Testament does it speak of eating the Tree of Life?