

## The Christian's Appetite

Lesson #3:

### III: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Hunger

Separation only brings happiness when Christ-likeness is the goal. Many Christians become miserable and fall away from their faith because separation is applied for someone other than Christ.

When we truly hunger and thirst after righteousness, which is to say Christ-likeness then Jesus says the impact on your life is that you will be ...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in holiness

**Psalm 84:11- "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."**

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ in holiness

When we hunger and thirst after righteousness our hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be satisfied by the filling of the Holy Spirit of God.

In other words, that longing that is present in every true Believer's heart to please Jesus, and to walk with Jesus, and to live for Jesus ... that's going to be satisfied and we won't be seeking the offering of the world to satisfy our appetite but rather the things of God.

What is your appetite this morning? Are you hungry and thirsty for righteousness?

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Matt. 5:6

All of us have experienced hunger and thirsting at some point in our lives. And when we hunger and thirst, we eat and drink which in turns satisfies our hunger.

In our text, Jesus speaks of a spiritual hunger and thirsting, not for something which feeds the flesh but rather a spiritual hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

This morning we will examine three lessons in what it means to hunger and thirst after righteousness.

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Lesson #1:

### **I: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Hunger**

Why is it important for every Believer to hunger after righteousness rather than something this world offers?

A. Hunger is an evidence of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
Just as physical hunger is an evidence of physical life—a spiritual hunger is an evidence of spiritual life.

The lost person doesn't have an appetite for righteousness but rather hungers to please themselves. But the saved person has an appetite to please God with their life and worship.

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B. Hunger is an evidence of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
Whenever we see a mature Christian craving the things of this world instead of having an appetite for the righteousness of Christ, we are witnessing a Christian who is spiritually ill and unhealthy.

But the person who is spiritually hungry for righteousness, that person is giving evidence that they are not only spiritually alive but also spiritually healthy.

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Romans 8:7-9 ... <sup>7</sup>*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.* <sup>8</sup>*So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.* <sup>9</sup>*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

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Lesson #2:

### **II: The \_\_\_\_\_ of Spiritual Hunger**

People hunger and thirst after many things and often times they come under the influence of that which they hunger for and consume. And when a person hungers or thirsts after righteousness then they will be influenced towards the righteousness of Christ.

There are two kinds of righteousness found in the Bible—both of which come solely and exclusively from God.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness  
Without Christ we stand separated from God but upon receiving Christ as our Savior, at that instant, the righteousness of Christ is imputed onto our spiritual account (Romans 5:18-21; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:7-10).

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness  
Imparted righteousness relates to our sanctification and not our salvation. We are positionally made righteous when God imputes the righteousness of Jesus Christ onto our account at salvation but we are practically and progressively made righteous as we hunger for Christ; and walk in the Spirit of God; and live in obedience to God's Word every day.

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The Christian's appetite for righteousness influences both our salvation and or sanctification and both are necessary for the blessed life that God wants us to have.

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