



Eat This Book

So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book.
And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."
Rev 10:9

1. The Book: The Word

- All of creation was formed by the spoken WORD: God spoke a word and it came into being. *Gen 1-2*
- Jesus is called the "Word" *John 1:1*
- Jesus is called the "Bread of life" *John 6:35*

2. Eat This Book

a. Those commanded to eat the book...

1. John Rev 10:9
2. Ezekiel Eze 2:8-10; Eze 3:1-3
3. Jeremiah Jer 15:16

b. Taste and see...

Psa 19:9-10; Psa 119:103; Psa 34:8

3. Most read the book-Bible in one of four ways

1. The Scholar: Detailed study of the language, history, culture, geography...
2. The Counselor: Practical study; directions, formulas, living healthy, wealthy, and wise...
3. The Inspirational: Devotional study; comfort for the needy, hurting and those in grief...
4. The Sovereignty of God: Total submission to God. Incorporating all of the first three styles of study and reading--but not depending on or focusing on one to the exclusion of the others...

4. How do we eat the Book—the Bible?

Like food to the body—the Bible is manna/food for the spirit, soul and body:

- **Eating**: Read the text under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Joh 16:13-15*
- **Digesting**: Meditate on the text *Jos 1:8; Psa 1:2*
- **Nourishment**: Pray the text *1Th 5:17*
- **Strengthening**: Live the text *Joh 4:34*

Scripture reveals everything of who God is—but it also reveals everything of who I am. Eating the book is receiving the Word in such a way that it becomes the text of who I am. The 'sovereign' text of my life is no longer my self—but the sovereign God.

The Power Driven Church

The Seven Churches of Revelation

The Hidden Manna

Exodus 16:31; Revelation 2:17

The Church at Pergamos

The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:12-17

1. The Character of Jesus 2:12

"He who has the sharp two edged sword"

Rev 2:12; Rev 1:16; Heb 4:12



2. The Approval 2:13

I know where you live...

- Hold fast my name
- Did not deny me—Antipas

3. The Criticism 2:14-15

- The doctrine of Balaam
- The Nicolaitans

What do we learn from this?

1. Teaching influences living
2. Belief effects behavior
3. Creed shapes conduct

4. The Advice 2:16

- Repent
- Or I will come quickly
- I will use the two edged sword

5. The Assurance 2:17

- The Hidden Manna

Bread of God

Promise of provision

I'll feed you...

Psalm 23

- A White Stone—A New Name

Relationship

Only God knows

