

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the progression in verses 51-54? What is significant about each step?
2. Why would this crowd of Jews react in this way to Jesus' words (vv. 52, 60)? Genesis 9:3-4; Leviticus 17:10-16 & 19:26 may be helpful to take into account.
3. What did Jesus do when faced with this contentious quarrel over His words? Why does He seem to be intentionally provocative?
4. Have you ever had to alter a religious preconception after Jesus finally got through to you? (Are you willing to share it?) How are we to deal with our religious preconceptions (2 Corinthians 10:5)?
5. What is Jesus' flesh and what is His blood (v. 55)? What does this mean and how does this fit into His purpose (context)?
6. Why do we conclude that eating Christ's flesh and drinking His blood is a metaphor for belief (compare v. 54 with v. 40)?

7. What are three direct results of eating Christ's flesh and drinking His blood (i.e., belief in Christ)?

- v. 54
- v. 56
- v. 57

8. Reflect on the benefits of Christ's blood—

- Redemption (Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)
- Propitiation (Romans 3:25)
- Peace (Colossians 1:20)
- Brought near (Ephesians 2:13)
- Justification (Romans 5:9)
- Sanctification (Hebrews 13:12)
- Cleansing (1 John 1:7)
- Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22)
- Victory (Revelation 12:11; Hebrews 2:14-15)

9. Commentators have mixed views as to how this passage relates to the Lord's Supper.

Discuss some of the ways this passage seems to correlate to the Lord's Supper. Discuss some ways this passage does not seem to correlate to the Lord's Supper.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will submit my religious preconceptions to the Lord this week by . . .

2. I will deal with difficult teaching by . . .