

1 Peter 2:1-3

JUST A TASTE OF HIS GOODNESS

Introduction:

The famous early American pastor and theologian Jonathan Edwards commented on this passage: Jonathan Edwards points out that the most we can expect in this life is a taste. God grants just enough to make us want more. The sign of the saved is that they have an appetite for God and the things of His Word.

His comment and my meditation on the Lord's supper prompted me to think about where we are and what we are doing. Have you ever noticed that you get only a small piece of unleavened baked bread when you come to the table? No one would confuse the Lord's Supper with a full meal. It will not be enough to spoil your appetite for lunch. Is there a message for us in the smallness of the piece we will receive?

I. SALVATION BEGINS WITH A TASTE OF HIS GOODNESS.

1 Peter 2:3 (NIV)

³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Peter is probably quoting from Psalm 34. He is referring to the experience that brought us into the family of God. As glorious as the experience was, it was only a taste of things to come. While it is real taste of the goodness of God, there is so much more to come.

1. We get a taste of His goodness in forgiveness of our sins.
2. We get a taste of His goodness in the Holy Spirit sealing.
3. We get a taste of His goodness in healing of the body.

II. SALVATION LEAVES US WITH A DESIRE FOR MORE OF HIS GOODNESS.

“A taste excites the appetite” (Bengel).

1. The taste in forgiveness makes us long for the translation of the body into His likeness.

2. The taste of the Holy Spirit makes us long for a greater knowledge of the things of God.

3. The taste of healing in the body makes us long for a new body.

III. SALVATION WILL CONSUMMATE IN A FEAST OF HIS GOODNESS.

The one who gives us the taste will give us the full meal. He will cause us to sit down with the Old Testament saints in the kingdom of God and to feast on His goodness forever and ever.