# Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

### TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

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PART 3: RULING YOUR TASTE BUDS

When God designed the human body, it was just not a vehicle to carry the soul and spirit of man, but it would also bring great pleasure to the inner core of a human being, the soul and spirit.

In order for man to live on this earth in his body, it must have a constant supply of food and water. When God designed the digestive system, He also built in a computerized system that would not only protect the person from eating poisonous substances, but create a state of pleasure when food was being processed through the mouth. We commonly talk about taste buds and here is a description of them from Encyclopedia Britannica:

"Gustatory (taste) sense

In humans the structures for taste are taste buds, which consist of cuplike structures, or papillae. The papillae are distributed throughout all areas of the tongue, and in adjacent structures of the palate and throat. Each taste bud contains 50 to 75 receptor cells that are always in different stages of a 7–10-day regenerative cycle. Receptors on the tongue are more sensitive to sweet and salty stimuli, while those on the palate and throat respond more readily to sour and bitter ones.

The receptors inside the taste buds connect with either the lingual, gloss pharyngeal, or vagus nerve, all of which transmit touch, temperature, and pain as well as taste stimuli. The nerves come together in the medulla oblongata, from which gustatory fibers ascend to the thalamus and eventually the taste reception area in the cerebral cortex."

#### **GOD IS A GREAT DESIGNER**

- □ When a baby is formed in the womb, there are blueprints, known today as DNA, which date all the way back to the time of Adam and Eve. Every intricate part of the new body is following this blueprint. When it comes to taste, the entire taste system with sensors, electrical wires (nerves) and the control center in the brain comes with preprogrammed software that will be expanded after the child is born and starting to take in food and drink. Here is what King David wrote some 3,000 years ago. Psalms 139:14-18
- ☐ The baby is programmed by God to become hungry and desire milk from the mother knowing that it tastes very good.

#### PERVERSION

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	The Devil and his fallen angels knew from the beginning of man's creation that sickness could be induced into the human race by enticing them to eat substances which God never intended to be eaten as food by man.
	It is important to understand that once a baby eats a certain food, the memory banks in the taste system will be programmed to remember this taste. If it had a horrible taste (a warning that it is not good), the taste system will record this, and if the baby is given the same food again, the baby will reject it by spitting it out and being very unhappy.
	If parents insist on forcing the baby to accept this food, the taste buds will eventually become perverted from its original design, and from that time on, the baby will develop a desire for this food that will stay with them for the rest of their life.
	If a baby is given chewing tobacco or alcohol, it will have a very violent reaction to it at first, but after some time, the baby will become addicted to the substance and crave it more and more. In some culture, these substances are given to babies to pacify them, when they are crying.
	The culture you are born into will determine what kind of food you will desire to eat, when you become an adult. A person from a particular country will crave the national food. A Swede who is raised on herring, lutefisk and surstromming (rotten herring), will pay good money for these delicatessens in their adult life. An American cannot stand the thought of eating horse meat, while people from Sweden think this is great. People from Southeast Asia think that dog meat is a great delicatessen, and the Japanese like their sushi (raw fish).
SCAVENGERS	
	God never created scavengers to be eaten by man. The pig, shrimp, lobster, crab, catfish, rodent and snake were created by God to keep the world clean by removing dead animals and decaying vegetation. None of them have the built-in capacity to keep the toxins they consume from getting into their flesh. As a result, the reason they taste so good is that the toxins will stimulate the taste buds and bring great enjoyment.
	The downside to eating scavengers is that they will cause cancer, clogged arteries, arthritis and a number of illnesses for mankind.
	Farmers have learned over the centuries that the different plants and trees are not the same, some desire an acidic ground while others must have an alkali based soil. Thus, great care is taken to fertilize each type of crop with the right fertilizer. For some reason, Satan has been able to blind man to be smart when it comes to food. <b>Deuteronomy 28:15-23</b>

## FOOD AS A SPIRITUAL WEAPON Esau was the first born and was in line to be the head of the future nation of Israel. The Devil used food to entice Esau to sell his birthright for a single dinner meal. Genesis 25: 20-34 ☐ He later realized what he had done, but it was too late for him. Hebrews 12:16-17 SPIRITUAL CORRUPTION Substances that were never intended by God to be used for food have been used over and over by the dark forces from the kingdom of Satan to pervert God's plan for His people. A prime example of this is found in 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25, 4:10-22 **OBESITY** ☐ Many people have not understood that obesity is a result of rebellion, when demonic forces have been able to use the taste buds to bring them into this bondage. The end result is a human body that is bloated in fat and unable to function normally. With obesity comes disease and an early death. ☐ By giving children different kinds of soda, cereal loaded with sugar and junk food, the taste buds become perverted and the child is addicted to this kind of substance intake. In the United States, there is now an awareness of obesity in children, and the government is realizing they need to address the problem of fat young people, since they do not fare well in military service. Thus, the government is not addressing this problem due to its concern for the wellbeing of children; rather, it is an economical and military problem, since obese people cannot be sent to war and are a burden on the health industry. ☐ It is interesting that the Bible equates gluttony with drunkenness and rebellion. Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Proverbs 23:21 ☐ It is also important to note that not all obesity is caused by gluttony; there are diseases (i.e. malfunctioning thyroid) that will make the sick person gain weight that is hard to lose. **DEMON INFESTATION** ☐ The ability to make alcoholic drinks was shown to man prior to the flood; this knowledge was passed on by Noah himself. Genesis 9:20-29 ☐ The nations of Moab and Ammon came out of drunkenness and incest and

later became great thorns in the side of Israel. Genesis 19:30-38

☐ Here is how drunkenness is created in a human being. Alcohol will bond with red blood cells in the body when it is consumed. The red blood cells carry oxygen to the cells in the body. As more and more red blood cells are temporarily bonded to an alcohol molecule, it can not carry any oxygen to the cells in the body. The first effect on body is a diminished reception on the taste buds. When a person begins drinking alcohol, they can feel the sting in

the mouth, but after a few drinks, the taste buds are knocked out and the person loses the ability to realize that glass after glass of alcohol is being consumed. Next comes a loss of balance and the ability to reason intelligently. As more and more red blood cells are tied up, there is less and less oxygen available for the brain, and if the person continues to drink, they will enter into a state of coma. Some people reaching this stage will die of oxygen starvation.

□ Drinking alcohol has the following spiritual ramification: When a person loses control over their ability to think and reason, demons have a right to enter the body, because the person has surrendered their will to the spirit behind alcohol. Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-35; Habakkuk 2:15-17; Ephesians 5:18

There is no drug as destructive as alcohol. During the last 7,000 years, men and women have become slaves to this drug and the evil spirits behind it. Murder, rape, adultery, fornication, broken marriages, abused wives and children and an early death for the drinker can be laid at this altar of worship that the Devil erected on earth.

A young person partaking in their first drink is not planning on becoming an alcoholic; it is a slippery road toward spiritual death first and then a physical death.

The taste buds are the body's defense in stopping toxins from entering in, don't let the Devil enter your body, take up residence, and destroy this defensive line! Romans 12:1-2

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?