



THE DISCIPLINE OF FEASTING

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”
¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height
of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine,
and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.



¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice
in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall
be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them
gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of
fatness,

and my people shall be satisfied with
my bounty, says the LORD.



¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’”



¹² The Lord, the LORD Almighty,
called you on that day
to weep and to wail,
to tear out your hair and put on
sackcloth.

¹³ But see, there is joy and revelry,
slaughtering of cattle and killing
of sheep,
eating of meat and drinking of
wine!

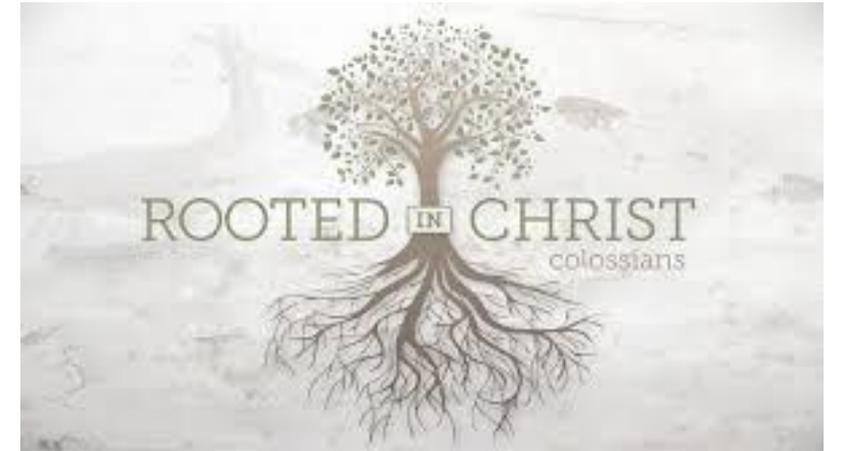
“Let us eat and drink,” you say,
“for tomorrow we die!” (Isa 22)



The Discipline of Feasting ...

Grounded ... in our Triune God

Gratitude ... done in
gratitude of a lavish God
whose pleasure it is to give
us the joy of life



9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 15)

