

EATING DIRT?

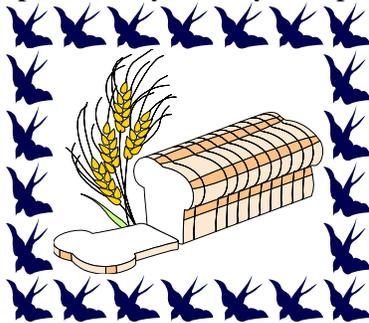
“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:11). Certainly, we can see how this was true for the people that Amos was talking to. But today? We have four or five different Bible translations, a concordance or two, several Bible commentaries, perhaps a CD ROM Bible program, teaching tapes and books, television evangelists, Bible studies, church services, the list goes on. These are wonderful tools available to privileged Christians in this country. However, Christians everywhere are dying Spiritually, even though they are surrounded by the things of God.

“...Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life” (2 Corinthians 3:6). **Here is the revelation.** It is the Spirit of God that gives life to the Word .

There are places in Africa where the people are so desperately hungry they eat dirt. Their reasoning: the soil has all the organic material needed to produce plants, so it should be good for humans too. The plant, of course, is the medium needed to transform the organic matter into usable nutrition.

As we desperately try to eat the Word of God, remember that the Spirit is needed to transform it to the living Word.

Jesus said, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).



Jesus is the bread of life. Not books, Bibles, tapes, sitting on a shelf. It is Jesus, and He says it Himself, “This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die” (John 6:50).

Eat freely of Him and allow His Spirit to transform the Word in your heart so you may partake of the Living Word and receive life.