

SERMON

CONSUMER CHRISTIAN

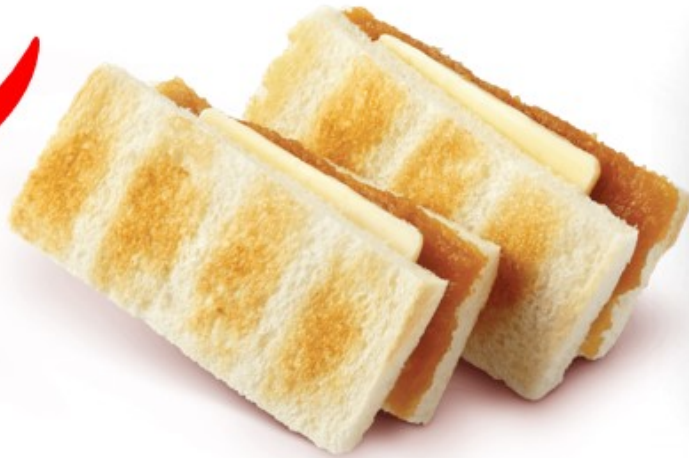
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Good morning,

SSMC






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Nothing
wrong
being a
consumer

BLACK SHEEP



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Matthew 7:7

*Ask and it will be **given** to you; **seek** and you will **find**; **knock** and the door will be **opened** to you.*

John 16:24

*Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask** and **you will receive**, and your joy will be complete.*

Philippians 4:19

*And my **God will meet all your needs** according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

1 John 5:14-15

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we **ask** anything according to his will, **he hears us**. And if we know that he hears us - **whatever we ask** - we know that we have what we asked of him.*

There is **nothing wrong**
coming to God
and to the church
for our needs to be met.

What is the issue then?

Issue arises when we approach
God and the church with
a **consumer mindset** and
treat them as **service providers**.

ME MENTALITY

That's a **Consumer Christian**

SIGNS OF A CONSUMER CHRISTIAN

1. Blessings but not the Blesser
2. Receive but not give
3. Entitled but not grateful

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A woven basket filled with fresh fish and bread, resting on a grassy field. The basket contains several whole fish and several round loaves of bread, all arranged on a bed of green leaves. The background is a soft-focus green field.

John 6 Jesus feeds the 5,000

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Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.

(John 6:26-27)

The crowd was only interested in the blessings from God.

A Consumer Christian wants God's blessings but not the blessing of God Himself.



Dear God...

HELP!



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**SEEK THE GIVER,
NOT JUST
THE GIFTS.**

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The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **1 Cor 12:12 NLT**

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. **1 Cor 12:27 NLT**

Paul uses the analogy of a body to describe the church.

If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.

1 Cor 12:17-18,27 NLT

Paul says the body of Christ is a family with many members who need one another to survive and to thrive.



DEAD SEA

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A GLIMPSE OF ISRAEL
THE DEAD SEA

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