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## “Plenty” by Pastor Jack Hibbs

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.” 2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

“Grace” and “peace” were common greetings in New Testament letters, but Peter’s addition of the word multiplied reminds me of the abundance I have enjoyed when dining with friends in Israel.

Middle Easterners have a way of partaking together that we Americans could learn from. I’ve experienced incredible fellowship around a dining table brimming with falafel, hummus, and loaves of bread. Everyone tears a piece of the same loaf to dip into the tray of hummus. Hands reach out and grab a falafel as the basket passes from person to person. The time becomes personal, even intimate, and as we partake from the same plates, we symbolically become a part of one another.

Jesus used this same imagery when He invited Peter and the other disciples to eat and drink of Him (Mark 14:22-23) thus, enjoying everything included in becoming one with Him. God’s grace and peace are so plentiful they are impossible to exhaust, but here is the key – “the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.”

Believer, respond to God’s invitation to sit and eat of the fullness of His Word, for in it He has readied for you grace and peace.

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