

"But Peter said, 'Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.' And the voice spake unto him again the second time, 'What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.'" Acts 10:14-15 KJV



When we think of the ðhuddled masses,ö we rarely picture ourselves. We each like to think that somehow we are different, special in some unique way. Definitely NOT ðordinary!ö Every human has the same needs and position in the universe. We are all of ðcommonö ancestry, Adam. We all have a common flaw, sin. We are each uniquely different from every other person in the universe in that we are made in the ðImage of God.ö Because there is only one God, in that sense we are unique, uncommon, but in every other sense we are ðcommon.ö The only thing that will make common, uncommon, is God. God alone differentiates any life from any other. It is a miracle of omnipotent ability to create a common form that reproduces itself in a completely unique fashion each and every time. Even identical twins are uniquely different. There are no two men exactly alike, but each of us is ðcommon.ö Which is why the apostle wrote, ðI gave all diligence to write unto you of the *COMMON* salvation.ö God's saving grace is available to ðwhosoever will.ö Any claim to anything extraordinary is ðChrist in you the hope of glory.ö All abilities are God given. Jesus used common to illustrate uncommon in parables, stories, and analogies. God uses common things to declare His infinite glory. ðDay unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.ö It was common clay vessels that poured forth the never ending supply of oil for the widows of Elijah's day. A common branch made ðthe iron swim.ö It was common mud and spit applied to the blind man's eyes which, coupled with his obedience, restored his sight. It was common bread and fish on the fire that fed the weary disciples after a common night's work which gave an uncommon result upon obedience to the command of the Master. What a feast that must have been! The Master of the universe, after suffering, dying, and rising triumphant over man's deadliest enemy, restored to His former glory, took time to care for common fishermen after a common night's toil in a common job. What a culinary delight Jesus prepared! He is Master of every nuance of flavor and with common wood, fire, food, and His divine touch, the heightened sense of taste which hard work gives any repast a gourmet's taste, a meal was prepared that surely lived up to the invitation, ðCome, and dine!ö Not, ðCome, and eat,ö but ðCome, and *DINE!*ö A meal to remember! Common becomes uncommon when touched by God! His commands are blessings to turn common men into uncommon saints, if they would but obey. Don't reject what God has cleansed.

Let not the veil of human flesh,
Distort your view of precious things,
But let the Truth your soul refresh,
And make your heart divinely sing! -CGP

Dear Believer, don't let Satan whisper in your soul how worthless and vile you are, because you have God's promise that you are cleansed. He has commanded, nay blessed you with divine instruction; purposed to conform you into ðthe image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.ö To be like Jesus in His glorified form will certainly be uncommonly glorious!

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" Philippians 2:13-15 KJV