

The Bread of Life

⁵³Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." John 6:53-58 NIV

The following came to me on June 29, 1986, as I was studying to teach on John 6:47-69.

To eat my body and drink my blood means to be one with Me in the issues of life, to so open your heart to My presence and My rule that they become the source of life and strength to you.

It is important that you understand that the realm of the physical is symbolic of the realm of the spiritual. I demonstrated that to you. I came in the physical, to minister the spiritual to you.

What I did with the physical determined what I was able to do with the spiritual. That which is physical lies between mankind and that which is spiritual. Until that which is physical is dealt with you cannot receive that which is spiritual.

I came in the flesh, not just so I could be seen by you, but so I could demonstrate to you the place of the flesh in the realm of the spiritual.

I came in the flesh to show you that all that is fleshly must die for that which is spiritual to emerge in full bloom. Only by dying completely to that which is fleshly, could I offer to you that which is fully spiritual, that is, fully of God.

You say, "It is hard, to think of eating the flesh and drinking the blood of our Lord." It is hard to think of it, and even harder to do it.

- I know, because it was hard for me to give my flesh and my blood for you.
- I am with you, and I know the struggle of your heart.

Now I will tell you what it means to eat My flesh and drink My blood.

It means to so partake of my life and my breath that we become one

When I gave my flesh and my blood, I gave all that I had that was earthly.

My nakedness on the cross was symbolic of the fact that I withheld nothing. I gave all that was physical and earthly, that I might receive all that was spiritual and heavenly. And I trusted the Father to give Me that which was spiritual as I gave that which was physical.

Come, partake of My body.

Let My brokenness enter into you. Let it flow through you and give you life and strength, and bread.

Come, partake of my blood.

Let yourself be emptied of all that now seems to be life to you. Let yourself be poured out, and let the life of My blood enter into your veins.

You are weak because you fill yourselves with the bread of the world.

- You eat and drink that which poisons you.
- You have become fat with the bread of the world, and feel little need for the true bread.
- I am the True Bread.

My children, until you forsake the bread of the world, you will not experience the strength of the Bread of Life, the True Bread.

You say, "This appears as a mystery to us, and hard to understand."

- That is so, but only because the eyes of your hearts have not yet been enlightened
- And *that* is so because you have the eyes of your hearts set on things of the earth, rather than looking up, into My face.

WHEN YOU SEE THE LIGHT OF THE GLORY OF MY FACE, THE MYSTERY AND THE DIFFICULTY OF EATING MY FLESH AND DRINKING MY BLOOD WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED.

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