

Jesus: Bread from heaven, life for the world.

1. You need God's Word more than you need bread.

Deut. 8:2 And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Deut. 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word* that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

2. Manna pictures God's provision of Christ to be received by faith.

1Cor. 10:1 ¶ For I want you to know, brothers,* that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

1Cor. 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Cor. 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Cor. 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

3. Those marked out as God's people are welcomed to the Feast.

Ex. 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

4. As long as bread is outside of you it does you no good.

John 6:47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

John 6:48 I am the bread of life.

John 6:49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

John 6:50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6:52 ¶ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

John 6:53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

John 6:54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

John 6:56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

John 6:57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me.

John 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread* the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Taking the bread is saying “I need Jesus’ life and forgiveness more than I need bread.”

Chewing the bread with faith involves believing (the facts – Latin. “notitia”) and trusting (leaning on him – Latin “assensus”) that all that Jesus did for you was enough and worshiping him and rejoicing in him.