

Title: Bread from Heaven
John 6:51-58

Introduction

In the Gospel of John Chapter 6, the Apostle John writes about a conflict between Jesus and the Jews about bread. Jesus' words shocked the Jews. This must be an allegory, right? Jesus isn't really talking about literally eating his flesh and drinking his blood, is he? The Bible doesn't sanction cannibalism.

1. Jesus spent his time building _____ with people.
2. Jesus never intended the church to become a _____ that relies on ritual and religious observance.
3. Jesus came to _____ God to us.
4. In Israel, God has become obscure and _____.
5. But now, through Christ, we can experience God's love and grace and worship Him with joy and without _____.
6. Jesus is saying that He is _____ come down in human flesh, not that He is a loaf of Bread.
7. He is the living Bread; when eaten, He gives _____ life.
8. Just looking at Bread won't provide you with nourishment, no matter how long you look at it or _____ it.
9. Only if you _____ and internalize Jesus as the Messiah will you receive any spiritual nourishment from Him.
10. If your life is _____ of other things you've been eating, you may not want any bread at all.

11. When sinners love their sins and are full of the world and sinful _____, the Bread of Life doesn't interest them.
12. Once a person is spiritually hungry, they realize the world's food only satisfies for a moment, leaving them _____ and unsatisfied.
13. When you encounter the Bread of Life, your whole appetite begins to _____.
14. Many people will say they respect Jesus as a _____ person.
15. When Jesus becomes a part of you, your life begins to _____.
16. When you let Jesus become a part of your life, His life _____ with yours.
17. The spiritual nourishment you need is only supplied when you eat the Bread _____.
18. Christ is _____ to a lot of people in our world.

I. Accepting Christ's Death on the Cross

19. You don't become Christlike through _____.
20. If Christ had come as the Living Bread but didn't _____ on the Cross and then rise again, we could not partake of His life.
21. As a result of His death, He brought about much _____.
22. His earthly life had to be cut off the stalk, die, and be _____ to make Living Bread that we could eat.
23. Jesus had to die as a _____ for us.

II. Accepting Jesus As God's Messiah

24. He's talking about the _____ life that He came to bring to those who accept Him.
25. He's talking about living this earthly life _____ by the Holy Spirit that's real, purposeful, and effective.
26. He _____ that you can live a truly godly life in human flesh.
27. Those who know Jesus are _____ in Christ here and now.

III. Receiving Christ's Eternal Life

28. Christ's Eternal Life is a _____ gift.
29. Not only do you get to live a blessed life here and now, but it will last _____.
30. Every believer receives a new _____ when Jesus comes again.
31. The power isn't in the preparation or the eating; the power is in the _____.

IV. Abiding In Christ

32. You will not only have a blessed life, an eternal life, and a bodily resurrection, but you'll be _____ with Christ.
33. Paul can't _____ himself from Christ.
34. Paul believes that Christ in you is the hope of _____.

Conclusion

35. The _____ of God is passed down through Christ to us.

36. Jesus is the Living Bread that gives us _____
life.

The New Testament truth is Jesus is still a stumbling block to all those who reject Him as God's Messiah. But the gospel message is to believe that Jesus is God in the flesh and that He died as a substitute for your sins. Those who believe in Him inherit eternal life. Those who don't will die in their sins.

Answers

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| 1. relationships | 13. change | 25. empowered |
| 2. business | 14. wonderful | 26. demonstrated |
| 3. reveal | 15. change | 27. alive |
| 4. hidden | 16. mingles | 28. present-tense |
| 5. fear | 17. personally | 29. forever |
| 6. God | 18. offensive | 30. body |
| 7. eternal | 19. observation | 31. food |
| 8. examine | 20. die | 32. one |
| 9. partake | 21. fruit | 33. separate |
| 10. full | 22. crushed | 34. glory |
| 11. habits | 23. substitute | 35. life |
| 12. starved | 24. abundant | 36. forever |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. What things "fill" up people so they are not hungry for the bread of life? What other than the bread of life "fills" you up?
2. Does knowing you will get a new "heavenly" body at the resurrection encourage you? What do you think will be the best aspect of this new body that differs from your current body?
3. The Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah because he was different from their preconceived notions of a Messiah. What do people in today's world want the Messiah or Jesus to be like? How is Jesus similar to, and different from their preconceived notions?