

## **John 6: The Bread of Life** **04-10-16PM**

### I. Introduction

#### A. The Bible is called many things

1. Holy Scriptures – pertaining to writings of both the Old and New testaments

*1Ti 5:18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."*

2. The Word of God

*1Pe 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever;*

3. Bread of Life?

- a. We do not see the direct application in the Bible with this phrase, which is used only in John 6

*John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

*John 6:48 I am that bread of life.*

#### B. To Understand what it means for the Bible to be the Bread of Life

1. We need to understand how Jesus is the Word of God and the Bible is the Word of God
2. We can then see its value in our life as the Bread of Life

### II. Jesus as the Word of God

#### A. First we must understand that Jesus is the Word of God

*Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

1. Word of God is an expression of God's revelation to man

*1 Ch 17:3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan,*

*Luke 3:2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.*

2. It is used to describe the entirety of the revelation of God – I Peter 1:23

3. Jesus is the ultimate revelation from God

*Ro 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began*

- a. The Gospel of Jesus is the great message hidden from the beginning of the world

*Col 1:26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.*

#### B. Jesus Christ is revealed today only in the Bible, the Word of God

1. He draws men to Him one way only – by the knowledge of the Bible

*Joh 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

2. The record of His words were the commission given to the Apostles

*Mt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

- a. Jesus' direction to the Apostles was to spread the Law of Liberty, which was found in the Words of Christ

- b. When these Disciples spoke, they spoke the Oracles of Christ; the Doctrine of

Christ are the “words” of Christ

*1Ti 6:3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,*

### III. The Bread of Life

#### A. In John 6 Jesus feeds 5000 people (6:1-14)

1. When He did this people realized He was THE prophet, since He fulfilled prophecy  
*Isa 55:1 ¶ "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-The sure mercies of David.*

2. This opened up a great dialogue on being filled by bread

a. Consider the conversation with the woman at the well in John 4

#### B. Jesus goes on to discuss the spiritual significance of this miracle – **John 6:26-35**

1. Jesus tells them that there is a bread from heaven that will fill us completely

2. The Jews thought about Manna

a. It was a bread from heaven

b. It sustained their fathers in the wilderness

c. Its name meant “what is it”

3. Jesus uses this to tell them about the Bread from Heaven that sustains them now

#### C. Jesus then explains to them that He draws men to Him through His words, which are life

1. **John 6:42-48, 64**

### IV. The Word of God is the Bread of Life

#### A. Jesus was the mystery of the fathers; Manna was called “what is it”, a mystery

1. Manna was placed into the Ark of the covenant, with Aaron's rod and the decalogue

B. Manna sustained men in the wilderness, between the time they passed through the water and until they reached the Promised land

C. God revealed that Manna was a metaphor for something greater

*Deut 8:3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.*

1. It was the very Word of God

D. Today, God's Word the Bible, the Words of Christ, sustain us from the time we pass through the water until we reach the promised land

1. Many in Israel despised Manna, because it was too common and unvaried – Num 11

2. Today many complain the same about the Word of God

### V. Conclusion

A. The Bread of Life that sustains us is the Word of God

B. Those that reject the Word of God reject Jesus and the Way to Salvation