Gospel of John

"So that you may BELIEVE..."

Today's Message: "The Bread That Satisfies"

Today's Scripture: John 6:22-59

REVIEW: Chapter 5

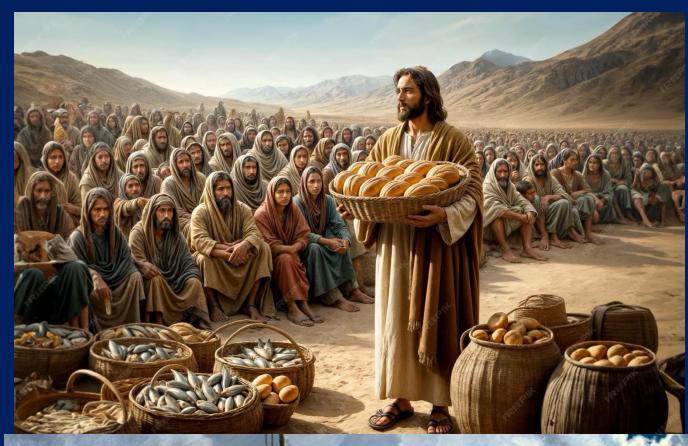
"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

— John 5:39 (NASB®)



REVIEW: Chapter 6:1-19







- I. The Bread of Life
 - A. The Crowds' Misguided Pursuit vs. 22-26
 - The Contrast & Their Heart -
 - 1. was not for spiritual truth -
 - 2. but for material things to fill their desires —
 - 3. their question when did you get here? vs. 25
 - B. Jesus' Response vs. 26
 - 1. You seek Me because you ate the loaves, and were filled -
 - 2. Don't work for food which perishes vs. 27
 - a. pursue food that provides eternal life
 - b. which the Son of Man will give you

2nd Cor 4:15-18 - "For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God. Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

I. The Bread of Life that Satisfies

- A. The Crowds' Misguided Pursuit vs. 22-26
- B. Jesus' Response vs. 27
- C. They are Confused vs. 28

- 1. Son of Man is a title of humanity.
- 2. Son of Man is a title of humility.
- 3. Son of Man is a title of deity.
- 4. Son of Man is a fulfillment of prophecy

Jesus was fully God (John 1:1), but He was also fully human (John 1:14). So as the Son of God and the Son of Man, He is deserving of both titles.

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- D. Jesus Responds
 - > "believe in Him whom He has sent" vs. 29b

II. Contrast Between Spiritual and Earthly Bread vs. 30-40

- A. The Crowds' Demand vs. 30-31
 - > Show us a sign, so we may see and believe you like that of Moses & the manna
- B. Jesus' Response vs. 32-40
- "I AM the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst". vs. 35

I AM - the Bread of Life – Jn 6:35, 41, 48, 51

I AM — the Light of the World- Jn 8:12; 9:5

I AM — the Door —Jn 10:7, 9

I AM – the Good Shepherd – Jn 10:11, 14

I AM – the Resurrection and the Life – Jn 11:25

I AM – the Way, the Truth, & the Life – Jn 14:6

I AM – the True Vine – Jn 15:1, 5

He Who Comes & He Who Believes

To come to Christ Jesus – means to forsake, to repent of the old life of sin and rebellion against God and submit to Him as your LORD and Savior.

<u>To Believe</u> – means to completely trust in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and to acknowledge that salvation is in Christ Jesus alone.

III. The Crowds' Resistance - vs. 41-52

- A. To Jesus as the bread of life vs. 41-52
 - > emphasizing the <u>importance</u> of <u>spiritual nourishment</u> over <u>physical sustenance</u>.
- B. They complain about Jesus' claim vs.41-42
 - > that He is the bread of life coming from Heaven
- C. The explanation vs. 43-51
 - > You won't be hungry and will never thirst vs. 35-37

IV. The Rebuke by Jesus – vs. 49-51

Matthew Henry –

"The discovery of their guilt, danger, and remedy, by the teaching of the Holy Spirit, makes men willing and glad to come, and to give up everything which hinders applying to him for salvation. The Father's will is, that not one of those who were given to the Son, should be rejected or lost by him. No one will come, till Divine grace has subdued, and in part changed his heart; therefore no one who comes will ever be cast out."

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Spurgeon:

"Now, brothers and sisters, **the food of your faith** is to be found in the death of the Lord Jesus for you; and, oh, what blessed food it is!"

- V. The Pronouncement (a formal declaration) vs. 22-59
 - > The <u>bread</u> that I give is <u>My flesh</u>, which I will give for the <u>life</u> of the **world** {all who will believe} vs. 51
- VI. The Promises vs. 53-59
- > the Pardon of sin, Peace with God, by Grace being born again, with access to the throne of God by prayer and obtaining eternal Life, with a new glorified body.

APPLICATION Christ is the Bread that Satisfies

Wiersbe:

"The conclusion is obvious: when you receive the Word into your heart, you receive Jesus Christ. We "eat His flesh" by partaking of the Word of God. "I am the living Bread," said Jesus in v. 51; and in Matt. 4:4 He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Because He Lives

Bill & Gloria Gaither

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive.

He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, All fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain.

And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory, just as He lives.

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