

FOOD THAT ENDURES TO ETERNAL LIFE

John 6:27 “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

Jesus' popularity grew rapidly after He miraculously fed from five loaves of bread and two fish 5,000 men, plus women and children. People were flocking to see Him, hear Him and have Him work miracles for them. For people living subsistence lives in a semi-arid country, the reality of Jesus having the ability to feed large masses of people from a small amount of food was beyond imagination.

Jesus actually fed two large masses of people. In addition to His feeding 5,000, another time He fed 4,000. Isaiah wrote, “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.” (Isaiah 55:2) Is this what Isaiah was prophesying? There is certainly a cross reference between Isaiah 55:2 and John 6:27.

You need to eat every day. That means you must go to the grocery store regularly and without money that store would not let you leave with the food you placed in the shopping cart. Both John 6 and Isaiah 55 remind you of the ongoing need you have for food in order to live. So, for many there is a greater or lesser degree of concern of having enough money to purchase food needed to live.

In both Scripture passages, the food mentioned, is not to be found in a garden or grocery store. It cannot be purchased with cash, check, credit or debit card. The food Jesus speaks of and Isaiah alludes to is not perishable. It will always be in plentiful supply. Jesus says it “endures to eternal life.”

Jesus is the source for this food. 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.” This “living bread” cannot be purchased at Fry's, Safeway, Costco, Sam's or Walmart. Jesus says He will personally give you this food. It is “. . .the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.”

Jesus concludes, “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. Whoever feeds on my flesh and

drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” (John 6:53-56) It is at the altar of your church where this food is served. Jesus says, “Come, for the meal is ready!”

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for providing me with the Holy meal where alone I receive Your flesh and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and Your promise of eternal life. Amen.

Refrain:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and never be hungry.

East this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

1. This is His body given for you; This is His blood that was shed for you.

Refrain:

2. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again. Refrain:

3. Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. Refrain:

4. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Refrain:

5. If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life. Refrain:
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