

## **A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST**

### **JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE**

John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

The crowds have been following Jesus for sometime now. He has miraculously fed them. He has performed healing miracles. They wonder if Jesus is the Messiah promised by God centuries before. They hoped He would establish an earthly kingdom and make their lives so much better than they were.

This is not why, as flesh and blood, Jesus came earth. Yes, He did feed crowds of people. Yes, He did perform numerous healing miracles. No, He says here in verse 35, He was not on earth to establish a kingdom even greater than David had. No, His chief work was not to come to eliminate starvation, human suffering and the like. Jesus came to give Himself to give them a life that would never end.

Jesus here offers Himself to the people then, now and for as long as this world exists. He offers Himself instead of loaves and fish. In and through faith in Him He offers life that will never end. Whoever comes to Jesus, believes in Him He will provide for them so they will never hunger, thirst or live in spiritual darkness again.

The food of which Jesus spoke refers to a Himself, not a commodity. And once a person is in right relationship with Him, that person receives a satisfaction which is everlasting, not temporary. He who believes in Jesus shall receive the gift of everlasting life. Jesus promised, “He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty.” In the original Greek, the “nevers” are emphatic, leaving no doubt what Jesus came to this earth to be for those who believe in Him.

You, by God’s grace, through the faith He has gifted you, have received bread, water and light in the person of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He gives you this gift through Himself to you daily so you will never hunger or thirst or walk in darkness ever.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You are the bread and water of life for me. Send Your Spirit to keep me in the true faith that accepts these gifts. Amen.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.  
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