

Introduction

1. Last week we discussed that the work of God for us that we believe in Jesus whom the Father has sent. In doing so we find a new relationship with God based on faith and grace. Today we come to where Jesus discusses the true substance of life...

I. The Demand For A Sign (6:30-34)

- a. Show Us
 - i. The Jews wanted Jesus to prove He was the messiah as He claimed. They said Moses brought bread out of heaven so Jesus you produce this bread from heaven.
 - ii. Jesus responded that it was not Moses but God who brought the bread down from Heaven. Second the bread of God is Jesus!

II. The Bread Of Life (6:35-40)

- a. I AM The Bread Of Life
 - i. Bread sustains life. But what is life? Real life is a relationship of trust and obedience and love with God. Made possible only by Jesus Christ. There may be existence but without this relationship there is no life!
 - ii. Jesus is essential to life as bread is for physical life.
 - iii. In the bible we see Jesus in the Old and New Testaments. Having seen him we come to Him and then we believe in Him. This is the process that leads to life. This bread is for everyone for it is free and open to all!
- b. Eating The Bread Of Life
 - i. First, as we receive life we find a new satisfaction. Our hunger and thirst are gone!
 - ii. Second, even beyond life we are safe for this life has no end, it is eternal!

III. The Failure of The Jews (6:41-51)

- a. Their Shattering Mistake
 - i. This passage shows the reasons why the Jews rejected Jesus and in rejecting Him rejected eternal life. How could a carpenter's son whom they knew give life?

IV. His Body And His Blood (6:51-59)

- a. I AM The LIVING Bread
 - i. Jesus said we must eat this bread to live. How do we eat his flesh?
- b. The Misunderstanding
 - i. It was never meant to be literal but spiritual and metaphorically. Like His death and resurrection (John 2:13-22) whom they thought he meant the physical temple.
- c. How To Consume The Flesh And Blood Of Jesus
 - i. We must feed our hearts, minds and souls on Jesus. When discouraged we come to Jesus for help. When we are weak we go to the cross and see Jesus giving us hope.
 - ii. We drink Jesus because Jesus is life just as blood is life. Jesus must be inside us as we put him there in our hearts and minds.

V. Conclusion

- a. The Masquerade (6:60-71)
 - i. What will be our response to Jesus? Will we believe in Him and be saved as the eleven apostles? Will we reject Him and pretend to be saved, as Judas did? Or will we reject Him openly and walk away as did the multitude?

