**TAKE THIS AND LIVE**

**John 6:48-59**

[**48**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-48/) **I am that bread of life.**

[**49**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-49/) **Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

[**50**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-50/) **This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

[**51**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-51/) **I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.**

[**52**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-52/) **The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?**

[**53**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-53/) **Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

[**54**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-54/) **Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**

[**55**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-55/) **For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.**

[**56**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-56/) **He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

[**57**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-57/) **As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

[**58**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-58/) **This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.**

[**59**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-59/) **These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Today is a day we have communion. The bread and the beverage that we who are saved will take today cannot save anybody from a devil’s hell!**

**\*\*Everything we will do during the communion is so that we as Christian people follow Christ in what he told us to do and so that we will remember what He did for us and what He did in us!**

**1. We take the Communion because we’ve Repented!**

**2. We take the Communion because we’re Redeemed!**

**3. We take the Communion because we Remember!**

**\*\*This Communion is just symbolic of what God did for us on the inside!**

**\*\*This church Communion will not cause you to live forever! Baptism will not cause you to live forever! Sprinkling will not cause you to live forever! Church membership or working in the church will not cause you to live forever!**

**\*\*Oh but there is something you can take and accept that will cause you to live forever and ever for all eternity!**

**Illustration: Have you ever had a kid that got a little scrape or a little headache and began to complain and cry. We have said, “Here take this and I believe you will live.”**

**\*\*Jesus preached a sermon in John 6, and He basically told them, “Take this and you will live! Take this and you will not die!”**

**\*\*There have been men through the ages that have looked for the Fountain of Youth just to live forever; yet, Jesus has offered something that will allow us to live forever!**

**I. TAKE THIS BREAD AND YOU WILL LIVE!**

**John 6:51** [**51**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-51/) **I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:**

 **A. This Bread has a Personification**

**\*\*Jesus is the bread – the person the bread represents!**

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

**John 6:51** [**51**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-51/) **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:**

 **1. There’s a Power in this Bread!**

**John 6:50** [**50**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-50/) **This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

**John 6:51b if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:**

 **a. The Power of God will keep you alive forever!**

 **b. The Power of Grace will keep you alive forever!**

 **2. There’s a Promise in this Bread!**

 **a. We have the promise to live with Joy in our Hearts!**

 **b. We have the promise to live with Jesus in our Heaven!**

**\*\*If the lost sinner would just eat the bread of life, they would find life forever in heaven with Christ!**

 **B. The Bread has a Presentation**

**\*\*Culinary students learn how to present food to make it look good so that people want to eat it. There’s an art to the presentation. Sometimes things look good, but taste awful!**

**\*\*The presentation of Jesus (the bread of life) is not a pretty site, but when you taste it, oh how sweet it is!**

**Isaiah 53:2 he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

**Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.**

 **1. The Presentation of the Bread is through the Master**

 **a. The presentation was Jesus Crucified Openly**

 **b. The presentation was Jesus Coming Out**

**\*\*Jesus was the bread that the world has seen beaten and broken and prepared on the cross, and then three days later he came out to be presented as the living bread for whosoever who will accept Him and eat of Him!**

 **2. The Presentation of the Bread is through the Miracle**

**\*\*The bread’s powerful presentation happens every time the miracle of salvation occurs!**

 **a. It’s a miracle when this bread cleanses a person!**

 **b. It’s a miracle when this bread changes a person!**

**\*\*If lost sinners and lost church members would just Take This Bread, they could Live!**

**II. TAKE THIS BLOOD AND YOU WILL LIVE**

**\*\*The Jews is John 6:52 were striving among themselves and wondering how they could eat the flesh of Jesus! They took it literally, and He meant it figuratively and Spiritually!**

**\*\*Too many people read what Jesus said and take it all wrong and get it all mixed up and end up turning from Him!**

**\*\*So since they couldn’t seem to chew on that, He gave them something to wash it on down!**

**John 6:53** [**53**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-53/) **Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

**\*\*Spiritually speaking, you have to drink His blood to get eternal life!**

 **A. Drink His Blood Spiritually Cause it’s Precious Blood**

 **1. It is Precious and Holy and offers Life!**

 **2. It is Precious and Heavenly and offers Love!**

**\*\*The world is searching for life and for love every day, but they never accept taking the Blood of Jesus that can truly give them Life and Love!**

 **B. Drink His Blood Spiritually Cause it’s Powerful Blood**

**John 6:56 [56](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-56/%22%20%5Co%20%22John%206%3A56%20KJV%20verse%20detail) He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.**

 **1. It’s so powerful that it Covers Sin**

 **2. It’s so powerful that it Cleanses Sin**

 **3. It’s so powerful that it Converts Sinners**

**\*\*When you drink His blood, you and Jesus become one. You are what you eat! His blood is a cleanser for the soul of man and takes away all the sin that is within a person!**

 **C. Drink His Blood Spiritually Cause it’s Provided Blood**

**Illustration: When someone is at the hospital dying, many times the hospital will do a blood transfusion and give that person blood so they can live! Someone took time to provide that blood! That’s what Jesus did for you and me!**

 **1. Jesus provided His blood for the Dying**

 **2. Jesus provided His blood for the Doomed**

**\*\*Are you dying and doomed for hell? Then take the blood of Jesus and you will not die and go to hell! You will live!**

**\*\*If lost sinners and lost church members would just Take This Blood, they could Live!**

**III. TAKE THIS BLESSING AND YOU WILL LIVE**

**John 6:57** [**57**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-57/) **As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.**

 **A. What a blessing to have this Promise!**

 **1. It’s a promise of a wonderful Freedom!**

**\*\*The blessing is that this bread and blood frees us!**

 **a. It frees us from Sin’s Pressure**

**\*\*Sin will press on you as you try to carry its heavy load. One day it will push you down and kill you!**

 **b. It frees us from Sin’s Past**

**Illustration: Robert Bruce of Scotland was leading his men in a battle to gain independence from England. Near the end of the conflict, the English wanted to capture Bruce to keep him from assuming his position as next in line for the Scottish crown. So they put bloodhounds on his trail. When they got close, he headed for a stream that flowed through the forest. He plunged in and waded upstream a short distance, and then he came out on the other bank. Within minutes, the hounds, tracing his steps, came to the bank, but they went no farther. The English soldiers urged them on, but the trail was broken. The stream had carried the scent away. A short time later, the crown of Scotland rested on the head of Robert Bruce.**

**Application: When we wade through the blood of Jesus, sins past bloodhounds can no longer hunt us or haunt us!**

 **2. It’s a promise of a wonderful Future!**

 **a. We have a future with this Christ!**

 **b. We have a future with the Church!**

 **B. What a Blessing to have this Peace!**

 **1. There’s peace in knowing I have this Savior!**

 **2. There’s peace in knowing I have this Spirit!**

 **3. There’s peace in knowing I have this Salvation!**

**\*\*If lost sinners and lost church members would just Take This Blessing, they could Live! They could live in this Promise, and they could live in this Peace!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*Notice what happened here because of this simple gospel message that told them to just accept Him as the bread and as the blood that would cause them to live forever.**

**John 6:66-69** [**66**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-66/)**From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.** [**67**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-67/)**Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?** [**68**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-68/)**Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.** [**69**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-69/)**And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.**

**\*\*These people who were supposed to be His disciples (His followers) decided right then and there that they would not be following Jesus anymore! Wow!**

**\*\*Followers of Christ walked away from Him, and they walked away from the faith all because He said, “Eat my bread and drink my blood, and you will not die!”**

**\*\*They rejected Him! Do you really think because they followed Him before this sermon that they got into heaven?**

**\*\*I am concerned and afraid for some families that have come to church often in the past and said they were following Jesus and all of a sudden now they are no longer following the Lord!**

**\*\*So like Jesus, my question is to those of you who remain today like the twelve that he spoke to. Will ye also go away?**

**\*\*I don’t know about you, but I have decided to follow Jesus and take the bread, and take the blood, and take the blessing so that I may live and not die!**

**\*\*What will you do today?**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Read Scripture**

**I Corinthians 11:24-25 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.**

**1. Ask all the Deacons and Ordain Men of God to come forth.**

**2. Pray**

**3. Pass out the Communion.**

**4. Has everybody been served?**

**5. Serve the Deacons.**

**6. Deacons serve me.**

**7. Sit down and sing.**