



“Enjoying the Abundant Life of Jesus: Eternal Life”

John 6:25–40

Introduction: Eternal life is more than an unending experience after death.

John 6:25–40 – “When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 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.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ 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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.’”

Eternal Life Must Be Sought Earnestly (vv. 25–27)

“When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’” (v. 25)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.’” (v. 26)

“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.” (v. 27)

Eternal Life Cannot be Earned (vv. 28–34)

“Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’” (v. 28)

Common misconception: *“What must I do?”* (Ex. Rich Young Ruler: Matthew 19:16–22)

“Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’” (v. 29)

John 5:30–40 – *“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”*

“So they said to him, ‘Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” (vv. 30–31)

2 Thessalonians 2:9–10 – *“The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”*

“Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.’” (v. 32)

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’” (vv. 33–34)

Jesus is the Source of Eternal Life (vv. 35–40)

1 John 5:11–12 – *“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”*

Eternal Life is Gift to be Received (vv. 47–51)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.” (vv. 47–51)

- **The Gift is Received by Faith (Romans 6:23)**
- **The Gift Requires Personal Commitment (John 12:25–26)**
- **The Gift is Experience in Both Present and Future (John 5:24; 17:3)**

Conclusion: Revelation 21:1–4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is something that you find new, helpful, or difficult?
2. What are some of the wrong reasons people seek after Jesus?
3. What are some of the attempts people make at trying to earn eternal life?
4. How does Jesus model the joy and value of living with hearts that are focused on eternal life?
5. Practically speaking, what does eternal life look like for us personally?