

WHAT DOES TRUE, GOOD LIFE LOOK LIKE?

John 6:51-59

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES LIFE LOOK LIKE?

John 6:59; 51-53 - ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁵¹I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³So Jesus said to them, "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."

- SETTING STAGE, PUBLIC
- DISCOURSE COMMON
- JESUS IS ESCALATING THINGS

TRUE LIFE
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ANYONE

God's people / ISRAEL / OLD COVENANT

John 3 - WHOEVER BELIEVES

JESUS FORECASTING NEW COVENANT

THREE OFFENSES FLESH/BLOOD

Genesis 9:3-4 - Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

Deuteronomy 12:23 - "Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh."

Leviticus 17:10-12 - "If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood."

NOT JUST ZOMBIEWORLD, OFFENSIVE

NO LIFE

YOU THINK YOU HAVE LIFE.
YOU DON'T.

YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME.

JESUS PROVIDES ETERNAL LIFE (JUSTIFICATION)

John 6:54; 58 - ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day...

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

MEANING

NOT LITERAL...

JESUS, WITH AUTHORITY GIVEN TO HIM BY THE FATHER, IS PROCLAIMING THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE FOR ETERNAL LIFE TO BE APPREHENDED

WE FEEL THIS!

FORESHADOW

Romans 3:23-25 - ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

JESUS IS FORESHADOWING HIS DEATH + WHAT IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH

GRACIOUS GIFT OF SUFFERING RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH

MYSTERY

NOT FULLY LITERAL,
NOT FULLY METAPHOR EITHER

WE PARTICIPATE + RELIANT THROUGH FAITH

WE ARE JUSTIFIED + INVITED TO ETERNAL LIFE

TRUE LIFE REQUIRES

1 FIRST TIME BE JUSTIFIED

2 REMEMBER

REMEMBER JUSTIFIED

JESUS PROVIDES DEEP INTIMACY (UNION)

John 6:55-56 - ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

APPETITE

1 Peter 2:1-3 - So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

1 REMEMBER THE TASTE GROUP: REPETITION

2 PUT AWAY THE LIGHT GRACE VS. ENTITLEMENT

3 LONG FOR THAT WHICH SUSTAINS TRUE HUNGER BEGINS TO EMERGE

APPLICATION CHRIST TO OURSELVES
"MEAT LOOKED UPON WILL NOT NOURISH."
- FASTING TORTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

DISCIPLESHIP IS WALKING THIS OUT AS IF IT IS REALITY

WEVE GOT TO GET TO IT.

INSTRUCTION SAME, LANGUAGE DIFFERENT
JESUS IS FILLING OUT PICTURE OF GOOD NEWS
HENRY → DELIGHT

1 Peter 1:8 - Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory...

TASTE + SEE FEAST

NOURISHMENT

FRUIT OF SPIRIT

WORD OF CHRIST DWELLING

PICTURE OF FULLNESS FROM GOD
LIFE CHANGED

JESUS PROVIDES THE LIFE OF GOD HIMSELF (LIFE)

John 6:57 - ⁵⁷"As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me."

CHRIST LIVED IN RADICAL DEPENDENCE ON FATHER
WE ARE TO LIVE IN RADICAL DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

COMMUNISM - Remember all of this
Justified + Union
All part of gospel!