

## John 6:32–40

“How to Eat the Bread of Everlasting Life for the World”

***What is infinitely better than the bread from heaven for which the people were asking in John 6?** Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these nine verses, the Lord Jesus declares Himself to be the bread from God Himself, for the whole world, that completely satisfies through everlasting life. The way to eat this bread is to come to Jesus and believe in Jesus—a coming and believing that God Himself gives, and which the Father and the Son are determined in almighty love and power to make perfectly effectual.*

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John chapter 6 verses 32 through 40. Then Jesus said to them most surely I say to you. Moses did not give you the bread from heaven. But my father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God as he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

They said to him Lord, give us this bread always. And Jesus said to them. I am the bread of life. He who comes to me. Shall never hunger. And he who 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 the one who comes to me. I will buy no means cast out. Four. I have come down from heaven. Not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. This is the will. Of the father who sent me?

That of all he has given me I should lose nothing. But should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will who him has sent me that everyone who sees the son and believes in him may have everlasting life. And I will raise him up. At the last day.

So far the, Words of God.

So the people wanted manna. Man, that was. Apparently. Very tasty. Herb tasted like it was herbed with coriander and sweetened with honey according to Exodus 16 and it was apparently very nutritious.

The Israelites were able to live off of it and be strong for 40 years in the wilderness.

And Psalm 78. Refers to it nicknaming. As angels food because it was the bread that came from heaven.

But Jesus. Tells them that there's actually better bread even than mana. And he says misses did not give you bread from him, my father gives you true bread from heaven for the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, so the first thing that he's talking about here is better bread.

And the better bread comes down not just from the sky. Which in the Hebrew view of the world in the first heaven, but it comes from the third heaven from God himself. And it feeds not just Israelites, but the whole world verse thirty three. And as they go on to interact we find that it doesn't just nourish you for forty years worth but it nourishes you forever.

He has everlasting life. Verse forty. So there's a much superior bread. And that's the first thing he's talking about as a bread that is much superior in the forest they think all that's great. If we let's you know, forget about the mana verse thirty, four lord, give us this bread always.

But of course he was talking about himself. Jesus said to them verse thirty five. I am the bread of life. So if you know that there's the bread of bread you want to know what that bread is and that's a what question whether who answer the Lord himself is the bread of life.

He himself is the one who gives himself to us and later in the chapter as a conversation goes along he's going to use Lord's Supper kind of language eat my flesh drink my blood, this is my body broken for you right that's the language of the supper. And so he himself is the true bread and so when you want to come to the Lord's Supper you don't want to come to the Lord's Supper because of the bread on the table.

You want to come to the Lord's Supper because of him who is in heaven who gives himself to you? By means of the bread on the table. So he is the identity of the bread and then how do you eat the bread what is the eating of the bread well in the Lord's Supper he says do this in remembrance of me leading the bread is faith and we see that that's the same thing here the eating of the bread is faith in Jesus, he says he who comes to me shall never hunger.

So you describes feeding on Christ as coming to him and he goes on to say all that the father gives me come to me the one who comes to me and will by no means cast out and he describes believing as drinking not that the eating is specifically coming and the drinking is specifically believing but the eating and drinking.

Here represent coming to and believing in Christ that is saving faith. She says, he who comes to me, she'll never hungry he who believes in me, she'll never thirst. I said that you've seen me yet you do not leave verse 36. He who sees the sun and believes in him will have everlasting life verse 40.

So who is the bread the bread is the Lord Jesus he gives himself to us. Now we understand how this can be not just for Israel but for the whole world and how this can be not just from the heaven but from highest heaven even from God himself and how he can be not just 40 years worth of wandering life, but forever and ever have everlasting life in a new world who is the bread Jesus what does how is the bread eaten?

It's coming to him and believing in him. Now how can we come to him? Because. They had seen him verse 36 and did not believe. So they didn't come to him they didn't believe in him. The problem wasn't that the bread wasn't being given. The problem was the bread was given and they weren't feeding they weren't eating.

They weren't believing in him. So how can we believe in him? Verse 37 all that the father gives me. Will. Come to me. And verse 44. No one can come to me unless the father who sent me draws him drags like a drawing from a well and over I am dragging.

So the coming to him is something that God himself gives. And God is the one who decides to bring us to himself and will of the father is that of all that he has given me he's using the same words in verse 39 as verse 37 all that the father gives me and then verse 39 of all that he has given me I should lose nothing.

But I should raise it up in the last day and then he's told us what the will of the father is because it's the will of the father that he does verse 38, she says, I haven't come here to do your will to give you what you want. I have come here to do the fathers will.

To get for him what he wants and what he has given me. And then he says, of course the end of verse 40, I will raise him up. In the last day. And so the son is as the same will as the will of the father and he will raise the one who has given him up on the last day.

So you and I. We feel many different kinds of neediness. And perhaps sometimes it's even like the people. Who had crossed the lake to find Jesus and John chapter 6 that are neediness is feeling hungry. I know that there are some of us that feel hungry a lot and are constantly getting food for themselves.

But all of our other kinds of neediness. God has given us to remind us of our great neediness of Jesus. And of his infinite abundance extra. For fulfilling that need and he says to come to him and believe in him. And you say I don't feel like I can come to him.

I don't feel like I do believe in him and I don't know how to. Make myself believe in him. Ah, but there is one who gives people to Jesus the father. And there is one who draws people to Jesus the father. He gives you the coming he gives you the faith.

And so you use the means. By. She brings people to himself faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. Don't read because you feel like it's working, you know read so that you can feel better about yourself and how you read the Bible you read because you trust him you read because it's what he says he uses you read because it honors him and he's worthy of that honor and that worship.

You read because you don't have coming to him and believing in him and you. He is the one who has to give it. If he says, this is how I give it by the word and if he says, this is how I give it by prayer and you call upon him.

And when you remember and feel that you need to believe in Jesus. And you don't feel like you do or don't do enough and aren't able to stir up your faith towards him you can still ask him. Father. Give me faith bring me to your son, give me faith in him.

He is the one. Who gives us all that we need especially Christ. And the coming to Christ. Let's pray.

Father home. Thankful we are. For the truth of this passage for even as I lead the worship and I feel like I have so little in me. Weak weary. Unable to overcome even my own sin alone that of my children. Yeah, you remind us here that you have all of the overcoming in yourself.

To pray that you had blessed to us this time of having read your word together and having thought about it together. I pray that you would give us the coming to Christ that you would give us the believing in Christ. Even as you have given us your son advice.

When we ask it in his name. Then.