

Jesus - the Bread of Life

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Jesus longs to be the bread of life in us, feeding others with his love and life.

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Description

Phil Beach Jr. challenges the congregation to allow Jesus to be the Bread of Life within them, emphasizing that just as Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed the multitudes, He desires to multiply Himself in us to nourish others. He encourages believers to present themselves to God as vessels, yielding their lives so that Christ can flow through them and meet the needs of the hungry world. The sermon highlights the importance of continuous faith and relationship with Jesus, who is the true sustenance for our souls. Beach reminds us that it is not our own resources that qualify us for service, but rather what we offer to God, allowing Him to work through us. Ultimately, he calls for a deeper understanding of Christ in us, leading to a life that feeds others with the Bread of Life.

Transcript

Here's the challenge tonight. Here's the challenge. Will you allow Jesus to be the bread of life in you, that can feed others? Jesus can feed others.

We remember the story of Jesus feeding the multitude. He took the bread and the fish and multiplied it. Well, did you know that Jesus wants to be that bread and fish today? Jesus himself wants to become that bread and fish to feed the multitudes.

And if we as the disciples would present what we are to God as the disciples took the bread and the fish and gave it to Jesus, if we would give ourselves to Jesus, then Jesus would multiply himself in us. He would become bread in us, and he would feed the hungry multitude. Recently while praying, the Holy Spirit greatly challenged me, greatly challenged me.

Will you allow me to make you perfectly dead to yourself, so that I can have a vessel where I can become the bread of life, feeding, healing other people? Will you present yourself to me? And oh, what God can do with one life that's fully yielded to him. He can take the seemingly small portion of bread and small amount of fish and multiply it and feed a multitude of people. God asked Moses, What's in your hand, Moses? That's all you need.

What's in your hand? What God was saying, Moses, stop trying to find something beyond your reach as a means to qualify you for my service. What do you have? God said, Moses, give me what you have. And in my hands, I'll minister, I'll deliver, I'll heal, I'll set the multitudes free.

What's in your hand today, beloved? Give it to God. Give it to God. May I suggest tonight that Jesus longs to be bread in you, feeding others.

Friends, if you can understand Christ in you, the hope of glory, if you are a Christian, if you have accepted Jesus Christ into your life, if you are born again and you know that you are a child of God, then Christ is in you. If you can understand that the bread of heaven abides in you, if you can get a revelation of the reality of who abides in you, you would lose sight of yourself, coming to the conclusion that you are nothing. And you would become overly infatuated and preoccupied with He who is life.

And the more you become preoccupied with Him, the more you lose sight of yourself, and the less yourself gets in the way. And the less self gets in the way, the more Jesus becomes bread in me, reaching out to others. Oh, how Jesus longs to be the bread to feed the multitude.

Would we dare to ask God to so get our attention, and so get a hold of the reins of our hearts, as to become in us that bread of life that the world so desperately needs, and that we, at any time, would be willing. Remember, it's not drawing from the resources within our own heart, but rather it is becoming yielded vessels where the bread of life can flow out of us. And it would become Jesus feeding the multitude.

What does it require? This is what Jesus meant when he said, If any man wants to follow me, take up his cross. That's what it means. It's not an ascetic lifestyle of legalism.

It's not trying to follow rules and codes and regulations. No. It's identifying yourself with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And through the operation of faith, experiencing it on a daily basis. Oh, to be acquainted with the bread of life. To become a vessel where he can flow through.

How he longs for this. It's not a Bible school education you need, or a certain kind of salary or lifestyle. No, that's not what's going to do it.

It's simply a quieted heart in his presence. Learning of him. That's it.

Just to learn of him. To study him. Become acquainted with him.

Falling in love with his word. Doesn't the thought of being a vessel where Jesus feeds the multitudes thrill your heart? Doesn't the thought of the bread of life feeding people thrill your heart? Oh my. What more do we want? What more could we ask for? It's a familiar portion of scripture.

John. John. Now, if anyone else has something from the Lord to share, we want to give you an opportunity in a few moments.

John chapter 6, verse number 32. Jesus said to them, I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who 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.

Then Jesus, no, verse 34. Sir, they said, from now on give us this bread. Oh my Lord.

They don't realize what they said. They don't realize what they were saying. For now on, sir, give us this bread.

Not realizing that they were talking to the bread himself. The bread of life. What to God we would begin to say to God.

For now on, Lord, give us this bread. For now on, Lord, feed us with yourself. So infatuate us.

So thrill us. So draw us. So call us.

That we long for you and you alone. Now how can we improve on that? Listen to what Jesus said. They said, sir, from now on give us this bread.

Sounds like a pretty good idea, doesn't it? Bread from heaven. Oh, how we would often imagine what it would be like if Jesus prepared a meal. How many would attend a banquet if you knew that this coming Wednesday Jesus was going to be the host at it? Come on.

How many would attend? What are you doing with the banquet that he prepares every day? Let me tell you something. If you're not feasting at the banquet that Jesus prepares every day of himself, most likely you wouldn't go to that banquet. Or you would go looking for the wrong thing.

See, because he is preparing a banquet. He prepares it every day. We imagine.

Can you imagine if God gave you heavenly food? Could you imagine going home tonight and having a table prepared and having food on the table and having that food from heaven? Boy, that would be interesting, wouldn't it? But yet, Jesus is that food. Are you feasting on him? Are you being nourished by him every day? Have you seen Jesus to be the bread of life? I like what they said. From now on, give us this bread.

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. Now, another rendering says this.

I am the bread of life. He who is coming to me will never be hungry. And he who is believing in me.

Now, the difference is this. To come to God cannot be a past tense experience. To believe in God cannot be a past tense experience.

So, perhaps a more understandable rendering would be, rather than he who believes, it ought to rather maybe be, he who is believing in me. He who is. Not he who has, but he who is.

The idea here is the present tense, the present action. It is a present, continuous action. We have so many Christians that are hungering and thirsting.

Doesn't make sense. Jesus said, if you come to him, you'll never hunger or thirst. Why are they hungering and thirsting? Because amidst the world and the cares of this world, and the various different forms of temptation and trial, we lose sight of the bread of heaven.

I am the bread of life. He who is coming to me will never go hungry. And he who is believing in me will never be thirsty.

Now, isn't that precious? Verse number 53. Jesus said to them, I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Wasn't Paul desiring to be found in him at that day? Didn't John, the beloved, encourage the believers to abide in him, so that when he comes, we will not be ashamed? So what is it to abide in Christ? It is a pleasant, continuous action of believing and trusting and hungering and thirsting after him.

Jesus said, except you abide in the vine, you can do nothing. Same idea. It is the act of believing, the act of hungering.

Now, verse number 57. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Your fathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever. Friends, the greatest joy is not simply feeding on this bread, but a joy that is equal to it is when this bread begins to feed others. Oh, what a joy to feed others.

Jesus wants to feed others. We must first feed of him, and then pray that he can be bred in us, feeding others. The place of abiding in Christ.

What a glorious place. What a glorious place. Anybody have anything they'd like to say? Yes.

Just perfectly illustrate a song that is in agreement to the word tonight. Jesus alone is the bread of life. He alone can satisfy your soul, and he alone can be the bread that can help others.

So the whole sum of the matter is simply this. It's Jesus. Know him, love him, receive from him, and then let him become the bread in you that feeds others.

And it all revolves around him, and then you lose sight of self, and you begin to rest and walk in him. Listen to this. I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small.

Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me thine all in all. Lord, now indeed I find thy power, and thine alone can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim. I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's lamb. For when before the throne I stand in him complete, Jesus died, my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow. What a call and invitation tonight to come to the bread of life and feast.

Amen. Anybody else have anything they'd like to share?

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