

John #37

6:51-59

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**“Live Because of Me”**

**Intro:** As we enter the account this morning at verse 51, it is the local Jewish authorities in Capernaum who are \_\_\_\_\_ with the truth of \_\_\_\_\_. ... Being \_\_\_\_\_, they simply could not understand how Jesus could claim to be the bread that came down from heaven. As a result, they grumbled about Him.

**A.** In kindness, \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord spoke to turn their dependance away from themselves and to the Heavenly Father who alone \_\_\_\_\_.

**I.** Jesus truthfully announced that He is the living bread that came down from heaven, and that anyone who \_\_\_\_\_ of Him shall \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

**A.** Not understanding how Jesus could say that He came down out of heaven they grumbled, but upon hearing Him say, “if anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever” they began to flat out \_\_\_\_\_ with one another wondering how He could give them His \_\_\_\_\_.

**II.** \_\_\_\_\_ to His statement that the one who desires eternal life must eat His flesh, saying that they must also drink His blood.

**A.** Jesus was speaking figuratively, metaphorically, pointing to His death upon \_\_\_\_\_. Just as He spoke of His physical death upon the cross when He said, “the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh” (vs.51), we understand that here He is referring to His sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_; of His blood which was poured out for the many for the forgiveness of sin.

**B.** Failing to appreciate the excellence of the figurative language that revealed that the Christ must die through the shedding of His blood, the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ by it (vs. 60). They did not understand that these were words of spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 63).

**C.** To “eat the flesh of the Son of Man and to drink His blood” is a restatement of what Jesus said earlier in verse 40, “... everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ the Son and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, may have eternal life ...” To eat His flesh and drink His blood was the Lord’s way of saying you must believe.

D. Jesus told the religious authorities that they did not believe (eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood) because they were \_\_\_\_\_, having no life in themselves thus again, mercifully showing them their \_\_\_\_\_ to look to God.

1. In contrast the Lord told them that those who did \_\_\_\_\_ did indeed presently \_\_\_\_\_ eternal life, and He announced that He would \_\_\_\_\_ them up.

E. \_\_\_\_\_ is the true bread of heaven, the one and only begotten Son sent from heaven! His blood is the only untainted \_\_\_\_\_ atoning blood! Salvation is in no other name for there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved for His flesh alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ food and His blood alone is \_\_\_\_\_ drink.

F. The one who \_\_\_\_\_ (eats His flesh and drinks His blood) in Christ Jesus has become \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, them in Him and He in them. Those who believe are one with Christ.

1. Here is the significance of the \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in Christ and He in them: Christ was sent from the Father (the living eternal Father) therefore, Christ Jesus lives because of the Father, for as the Father has life in Himself, He has given life to the Son, and whoever believes in the Son is joined with Him and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

G. Jesus said, "He who eats of this bread (\_\_\_\_\_ Him) shall \_\_\_\_\_ forever."

Closing: MacArthur concludes his commentary on this paragraph writing, "The \_\_\_\_\_ is as clear today as it was that memorable day in the synagogue . . . in Capernaum. The one who pursues material things will die as surely as the rebellious Israelites died in the wilderness. But he who eats the bread which came down out of heaven . . . will \_\_\_\_\_."

We can live eternally not because of our works, nor our efforts, nor our intellect, nor our desire, but only because of the person and work of Christ. He said, "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall \_\_\_\_\_." Will you believe?