

## PARTAKING OF AND CLINGING TO HIM FOR LIFE (JOHN 6:25-69)

[John 6:25-27] And when they found Him [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for **the food which endures to everlasting life**, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

[That is why one must first be born-again, born of the Holy Spirit as Jesus put it in **John 3**, to be able to partake of "**the food which endures to everlasting life**"].

[John 6:28-29] Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**"

[Jesus is not speaking on just believing that He exists, as we'll read further along.]

[John 6:30-31] Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

[So the people asked Jesus for a sign although He had just fed 5000 people with "five barley loaves and two small fish". (**John 6:9**)]

[John 6:35-40] Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, 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 is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then 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 by no means cast out. For 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 of Him who 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."

[Jesus said that those who come to Christ (Him) and believe in Him will not hunger nor thirst. He is, of course, speaking spiritually. And the work that Jesus addressed, by believing in Him, is explained

by the Apostle Paul, in **1 Corinthians 1:30**. He explains to us that God Himself, through Christ Jesus, is our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and our Redemption. Then, in **Ephesians 2:8-10**, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Those good works are, what the Apostle Paul said, that we are "being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (**Philippians 1:11**), of which we then bear the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) Our work then is believing that we are His workmanship and then living it, in Him!

That correlates with what Jesus said in another metaphor, in **John 15**. Jesus said, "I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not **bear fruit** He takes away; and every branch that **bears fruit** He prunes, that it may bear **more fruit**. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot **bear fruit** of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I AM the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, **bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples." (**John 15:1-8**) Back to **John 6:41:**]

[**John 6:41-69**] The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I AM the Bread which came down from heaven." And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. **I AM the Bread of life**. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. **I AM the Living Bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, 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 food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.** This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.** But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that **no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.**” From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life.** Also we have come to believe and know that **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**”

[The Israelites were told by God through Moses, to “choose life... that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20) In Romans 12:9, the Apostle says, “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.” Cling or cleave to what is good. Kollomenoi (Greek) = “cleave, join self, keep company. From kolla (“glue”); to glue, to stick to (figuratively) -- cleave, join (self), keep company.”<sup>1</sup> We are also told, “All things were created through Him [Christ] and for Him [Christ Jesus]” (Colossians 1:16) and that He upholds “all things by the Word of His power”! (Hebrews 1:3). We were created in the image of God, and then as Christ Jesus is our “arche” (The Beginning), and therefore our archetype/prototype, as we looked at previously. Revelation 1:7-8, “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. **“I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning [Arche] and the End,”** says the Lord, **“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”** “Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.” (Isaiah 62:11) That is Who we are partaking of and clinging to, first and foremost, as we wait for His upward call-in Christ Jesus!

---

1 <https://biblehub.com/greek/2853.htm>