

“By Means of God, Part 2”
John 6:52-59

I. The Jews responded to Jesus’ statement that He is the bread of life (v. 52).

1. The Jews responded with fleshly understanding.
2. They did not have the spiritual sense to hear what Jesus was saying.
3. Jesus was not speaking about actually eating His body and drinking His blood.
4. The Jews heard what they wanted to hear.

II. Jesus further explains that He is the Bread of Life (vs. 53-57).

1. Jesus did not mean to literally eat His flesh or drink His blood.
2. Only by partaking in the sacrificial death of Christ can one have life

(Leviticus 17:10-14; Deuteronomy 12:22-25; John 3:36; 15:1-11; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:3-5; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 5:11-12)

III. What Christ was offering was different from all other things (vs. 58-59).

1. There is no physical means to obtain salvation.
2. Jesus’ death was a stumbling block to the Jews.

(John 12:34; Galatians 2:16)

Scripture References and Notes

Genesis 9:3-5

³Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as *I gave* the green plant. ⁴Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. ⁵Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from *every* man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

Leviticus 7:26-27

²⁶You are not to eat any blood, either of bird or animal, in any of your dwellings. ²⁷Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people.”

John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

Leviticus 17:10-14

¹⁰ ‘And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’ ¹² Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, ‘No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.’ ¹³ So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. ¹⁴ “For *as for the* life of all flesh, its blood is *identified* with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, ‘You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.’

Deuteronomy 12:22-25

²² Just as a gazelle or a deer is eaten, so you will eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it. ²³ Only be sure not to eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. ²⁴ You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground like water. ²⁵ You shall not eat it, so that it may be well with you and your sons after you, for you will be doing what is right in the sight of the LORD.

Romans 5:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of *God* through Him.

1 John 5:11-12

¹¹ And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

2 Timothy 1:8-10

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

John 15:1-11

¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the

branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

Ephesians 1:3-5

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will...

John 12:34

The crowd then answered Him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"