

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 6:37-59

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John 1:12

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The Summation Sentence

The Gospel of John has Often Been Called
“The Gospel of Belief”

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Jesus gives us His bread of life teaching for this one key purpose, man is hungry and he is by nature unfulfilled and never satisfied. Jesus gave this teaching to awaken us to our modern day need of living a fulfilled, meaningful, and satisfying life.

1.) *We're to rest in the divine report*

v. 37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will **by no means cast out.**

a.) *By coming into the family*

v.37b

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and the one who comes to Me I will **by no means cast out.**

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

John 6:39

"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing (or none of them)

John 17:2

"as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

John 17:6

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me,

John 17:9

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

John 17:11

keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,

John 17:12

...Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost

John 17:24

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am

John Teaches about Two Biblical Truths:

The Sovereignty of God

and the Responsibility of mankind

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

The Sovereignty of God and the Responsibility of mankind

“How do you reconcile the two” someone asked Charles Spurgeon. Spurgeon replied. “I have never tried to reconcile it – I just believe it”

Joshua 24:15

...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,

1 Peter 2:7-8

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief **cornerstone**," 8 and "A **stumbling stone** - a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

We're to rest in the divine report

b.) By keeping us in the family

v.37

will by no means cast out.

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Hebrews 13:5

..."I will never leave you nor forsake you."

HIS KEEPING POWER

The united states military forces have been trained to never leave a man behind

Hebrews 7:24-25

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

2.) We're to enjoy the divine relationship

vv. 38-40

"For (because) I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 "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. 40 "**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."

a.) Enjoy what the Father thinks about you

v.38

"For (because) I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will,
but the will of Him who sent Me.

**God the Father's will is that you be saved from your sins and be secured
in heaven – that's why He came down!**

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18
If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I
am still with You.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and
not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

An Example of the Father's Zeal for Us

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go
to prepare a place for you.

We're to enjoy the divine relationship

b.) Enjoy the Father's heart of protection

v.39

"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.

PARENTAL PROTECTION

John 10:27-29

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 "And I give them
eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My
hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able
to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

We're to enjoy the divine relationship

c.) Enjoy the certainty of your future

v.40

"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."

that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may **have everlasting life**;

sees

to stare at, to gaze upon and consider

LOOK TO THE SON AND BE SAVED

Isaiah 45:22

"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Resurrection Promise

John 11:21-25

Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

We're to rest in the divine report

We're to enjoy the divine relationship

3.) *We're to know the divine realization*

vv. 41-47

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." 42 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'?" 43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 "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. 46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

a.) *Know what you believe about Jesus*

v.41-42

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whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

The religious Jews were completely baffled

The Forever Bread, coming down from heaven

Was a direct claim of deity

Complained grk 1111 gogguzo (gong-good'-zo);
to grumble: to murmur. To whine, to protest at the expense of
time and effort

Stop It, The Murmuring, Griping, Complaining

- Never did Joseph ever claim that Jesus was his son
- Never did Mary ever claim that Jesus was ever Joseph's son
- And Never did Jesus ever claim that He was the son of Joseph

- But the angels did claim that Jesus was God's only Son
- The prophets claimed that Jesus was God's only Son
- God the Father claimed that Jesus was His only Son
- The Bible claims that Jesus is God's only Son

Know What You Believe

b.) Know why you believe in Jesus

v.43-45

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 **"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;** and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 "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.

"Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 **"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;**

Only Those Who Will Listen Will Experience Salvation,
And you're not listening so don't worry about it

IS THERE A "DRAWING" TAKING PLACE IN YOUR LIFE?

Have you been fully persuaded?

The Jews were complaining about the chance of people following Jesus. Jesus says to them 'Just Stop it'!!!

No One Can Follow Me Unless My Father Puts It In His Heart

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Verse 45

"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.

Isaiah 54:13

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

We're to know the divine realization

c.) Know where your faith in Jesus is

v.46-47

"Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me** has everlasting life.

Most assuredly, I say to you

(often said when He's not being believed)

The Ticket to Paradise and Nothing Else

he who believes in Me

believes grk 4100 pisteuo (pist-yoo'-o);
to put faith in, upon, or to entrust with another

4.) *We're to possess the divine revelation* vv. 48-51

48 "I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 "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

a.) *Possess death-defying life* v. 48-50

48 "I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may **eat of it and not die**

“the manna only filled your tummies for that day
and that day only but eventually they all died anyway”

the bread of life (manna couldn't sustain life) fills your entire life, body (in the resurrection)
soul (the mental faculties) and spirit (the actual state of being) with age-defying life

to **eat of it**

There are two words for eat in the original Greek
scripture

Verse 48-51

The word eat or ate is a word that relates back to the Old Testament sacrifice that was consumed upon the altar of sacrifice.

An animal sacrifice as a burnt offering

But also there are sacrifices in the Old Testament that you are commanded to eat and to enjoy

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

“Eating” as in Fellowship

Luke 22:29-30

"And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 "that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom..."

Eating and Drinking to a Jew
Was an invitation of fellowship with another

To eat and drink
is to agree with another regarding the sacrifice that is being offered

We're to possess the divine revelation

b.) Possess age-abiding life

v.51

"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

If anyone eats (this is the 2nd Word)

The Greek means a single meal that you eat once in time, never again!
Like a Sacrifice that is placed upon the altar and consumed by the fires once and for all

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

5.) We're to experience the divine reception vv. 52-59

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" 53 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. 54 **"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him 57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 "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." 59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

a.) By making Jesus personal v. 52-53

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Receiving Christ's FULL-ness to your benefit

No sipping, No tasting, No sampling

But a deep, full, and complete consumption of the person Jesus

To know Him fully as your Savoir, Messiah, King, Lord, and God

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.

James Boice

"is He as real to you as something that you would eat or handle? is Jesus Christ as real to you the American Christian as hamburger and French fries are to your stomach? of course, Jesus is far greater than these, but many professing believers think of him much less."

Jesus Christ is not a popular snack

Can I Have a Happy Meal with That?

Jesus Christ is the eternal food for life

Don't Just Sip or Taste of Jesus

2 Peter 2:21

For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from it...

Sipping or Tasting

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted** the heavenly gift, and have become **partakers** of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have **tasted** the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

There are sippers and nibblers in the church

That can describe the taste, the smell, the feel, the sound but that is as far as their relationship with God goes - they are recreational believers, attendees, armchair Christians, pew potatoes

*- But rather, have you Digested Him into your
Innermost Being
Consumed of Him to the Fullest?*

Is Jesus Meat and Potatoes to You, like Bread and Butter, or In and Out Burger

We're to experience the divine reception

b.) Be given to all who will accept Him

v.54-56

⁵⁴ "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ "He who (keeps on) eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him

Be given to all who will accept Him

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For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed

(symbolic language about his flesh and blood)

Verse 56

"He who (keeps on) eats My flesh and drinks My blood
abides in Me, and I in him

Christianity is Something you Eat



abides

grk 3306 meno (men'-o);

to make a place, a state, a dwelling place. A residence

To Be Comfortable With

Are you comfortable with Jesus Christ

Ecclesiastes 9:7

Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has
accepted you.

Jesus Gave Himself for the World

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(NKJ)

Jesus Gave Himself for His Sheep

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Jesus Gave Himself for Israel

John 11:51

Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

Jesus Gave Himself for His friends

John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Jesus Gave Himself for you

Galatians 2:20

For the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

c.) Reception of Jesus is a true experience v. 57-59

57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, **so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.** 58 "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." 59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

so he who **feeds** on Me will live
because of Me

a word that means to be nourished - constantly be eating

Exodus 20:3

"You shall have no other gods before Me.
(that's in the negative)

Exodus 20:3

"You shall have Me!
(that's in the positive)

- I want to be bread to you
- I want to be water to you
- I want to be life to you
- I want to be joy to you
- I want to be peace to you
- I want to be love to you

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." – I
am it!

Do you consume of Jesus More Frequently;
Than Pizza, Hamburgers, or Tacos or...

Is He a Constant Source of Nourishment to You?

6.) We're to render a divine response v.v. 37a

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me

a.) will you come that He might keep? v.37a

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me

will come grk 2240 heko (hay'-ko);
to arrive at the destination.

God Knows All Those Who Will Respond to Him and Be Saved So
He Calls Them into His Family.

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Acts 13:48

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.
And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Matthew 22:14

"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Romans 10:9-11

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

End of Study

"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, Instructors in the word, knowing that those who do teach the Bible shall receive a stricter judgment in the end when they stand before God."

- **James 3:1**