

# Believe

JOHN

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## Eat & Live

Bible Reading: John 6:48-58

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### Jesus is the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:48-51, 35)

- A. Jesus is the Bread that gives Life (Jn. 6:48, 51)
- B. Jesus gives life 'to' the world by giving his life 'for' the world (Jn. 6:51c)
- C. Eat & Live (Jn. 6:51, 53, 54, 57b, 58b)

### Misunderstanding Jesus' Words (Jn. 6:52; 2:19-20; 3:3-4; 4:10-11)

- A. Cannibalism (6:52)
- B. Sacramentalism (6:53-58)
  - 1. Some see Holy Communion in these verses
  - 2. The sacramentalist argument
  - 3. Transubstantiation
  - 4. Eating & drinking: Jesus uses figurative language
  - 5. Rebuttal to Sacramentalism
    - 1. Holy Communion is not the way to receive eternal life
    - 2. 'Flesh & blood' points to the cross

### Understanding 'Eating' in the Context of John

- A. Jesus is using metaphorical language
- B. Everyone who believes has eternal life (Jn. 3:15-16, 36; 5:24, 40; 6:40; 20:31)

C. Eating & drinking Jesus' flesh & blood is believing (Jn. 6:53, 54, 57; 7:37-38)

## An Open Invitation For All to Eat & Live

A. The Condition – 'unless' (Jn. 6:53)

B. Make believing (eating) your habit

C. The Invitation – 'whoever' (Jn. 6:54, 56, 57, 58)