

# **PARTAKING OF CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE**

## **JOHN 6:47-59**

### **I. THE LORD DREW A CONTRAST TO HIGHLIGHT THE BENEFIT OF EATING THIS PARTICULAR BREAD (6:47-51)**

A. The Contrast Is Between The Miraculously Provided Manna Of The Old Testament And Himself As The Fulfillment Of That Type

1. O.T. Manna Eaters Are Dead (6:49)
2. Christ Was Offering Himself As A Source Of Eternal Nourishment (6:50)

B. Christ Was Presenting Himself As "Living Bread" (6:51)

1. The Human Challenge Is To Cease From Laboring Exclusively For The Sustenance Of A Perishing Body And To Transfer That Allegiance To Christ
2. Christ Specifically Identified The Part Of Him That Was The Bread: *The Bread That I Will Give Is My Flesh!*

### **II. THE LORD INSISTED ON THE NECESSITY OF PARTAKING OF THIS LIVING BREAD (6:52-59)**

A. Every Benefit That Christ States Is Somehow Related To The Eating And Drinking Of His Flesh And His Blood

1. Eternal Life (5:54, 58)
2. Resurrection (5:54)
3. Union With Christ (6:56-57)

B. Every Benefit Is Obtained The Same Way: Partaking Of Him

C. Every Benefit Is Illustrated In The Ordinance Of The Lord's Table