

Monday, 29 May 2017 John 6:32-35

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave 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." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

LORD, the Bread of Heaven is the Bread that gives Life; Life in the Kingdom; a Life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit; Life that displays the transforming power of the Cross; You are that Bread that always satisfies and in whom we can and must place our trust; the Bread offered freely to all and without reservation.

Praise You, Lord Jesus, the Christ, for You came from Heaven to give life to the world. May I serve You today and every day as one who has been redeemed and called to Your service.

Tuesday, 30 May 2017 John 6:36-37

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 whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

This verse illustrates the totality that is the sense of the string of words that I have been looking at. That string, faith/believe/trust/commit/obey, has a common characteristic in that no member of the string has any sense of partiality about it. They are all either/or. There is no "I sorta have faith/believe/trust/commit/obey." For all, it is either I do or I don't!

I was born as a citizen of the USA and bad behavior will not get me thrown out of that realm. I have been reborn as a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven and bad behavior will not get me thrown out. However, disobedience of the laws of either jurisdiction will lead to loss of privileges and restrictions on my access to the benefits associated with my citizenship.

Wednesday, 31 May 2017 John 6:38-40

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the

will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

A look at the totality of the relationship from the viewpoint of the LORD, God, the Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the will of God that all who believe should have eternal life and be raised up on the last day. His Will will be done!

Thursday, 1 June 2017 John 6:44-48

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' 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. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

"Whoever believes" Whoever makes that irrevocable commitment to the Kingdom. Whoever makes trust in the promises of the LORD the focal point of their life. Whoever lives by faith in the Word, that it is The Guide to Life in the Kingdom. Whoever seeks to make obedience to the Law of God; to the precepts, the tenets, and statutes of the Kingdom of Heaven, to be the essence of their life. That person will enter into an eternal relationship with the LORD, God, the Almighty.

Friday, 2 June 2017 John 6:62-66

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

"Jesus knew from the beginning" Of course, He's omniscient. However, I'm not. The Dictionary of Antonyms

gives 'foolish' for omniscient. Isn't that interesting? The LORD is all-knowing, I, if I am someone who trusts in their own understanding, am a fool.

I need to be diligent in learning to trust in the LORD with all my heart and not to lean on my own understanding. Were those who turned back and no longer walk with Him disciples who refused to enter into the totality of faith/belief/trust/commit/obey?

Saturday, 3 June 2017 John 6:67-69

So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Very, very interesting. It was Simon Peter who answered the question. Simon Peter who understood the totality of what was being asked. Simon Peter, a fisherman with tough, rough hands, callused by years of hauling nets, not a rabbi schooled in all the minutia of interpretation of the Law and used to sitting among and debating with scribes and lawyers. Simon Peter who declared the absolute conviction that he was with the Holy One of God. The Simon Peter who would stand on the Day of Pentecost and preach a powerful sermon of faith/belief/trust/commitment/obedience.

Will John Nunnikhoven do likewise when called to testify?

Lord's Day, 4 June 2017 Psalm 119:26

When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes!

This is true and good, Lord, when I confess my sin, you are quick and just to forgive and lead me in the Way Everlasting.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



May 29-June 4, 2017

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: *Philippians 4:23*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

LORD, may Your grace be the salt which flavors and enhances all our conversations and interactions with those in our Personal Mission Field. Our witness without grace is as food without salt, flat and lifeless. With the infusion of grace, our spirits become vibrant and life giving, fully empowered to lead others into the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom with You.

May it be so with each member of the [Congregation] this week and in the weeks to come. Amen

Creational Theology hint for the week—A gentle spring rain as I write. A May rain bringing full leaf to the trees and shrubs, the ruby throated hummingbirds are here from their winter in Central America, neighbors have reported seeing orioles but ours haven't arrived; lilacs are beginning to bloom, soon to fill their appointed roles of color and aroma. It is another continuous reminder that the LORD, God, the Almighty is in control of all things.

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