

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"The Bread of Life Must be Eaten"

John 6:52-54 (Galatians 5:1-26)

Introduction

- We need the Holy Spirit in order to understand spiritual matters or we will come to wrong conclusions (1 Corinthians 2:14) – and unwittingly participate in some form of idolatry

Eat of the Bread of Life Explained (vs. 52-54)

A. Wrong conclusions - abhorrent & blasphemous

- The Galileans argued amongst themselves lacking spiritual understanding (v. 52; Genesis 9:4; 2 Kings 6:25-29)
- The Roman Catholic Mass – an accursed idolatry (Heidelberg Catechism #80; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
- Partaking of the Lord's Supper doesn't give you everlasting life
 - Condemns unworthy partakers (1 Corinthians 11:29)
 - Those in Christ cannot be condemned (Romans 8:1)
- The Passage before us in NOT talking about the Lord's Supper

B. What is Jesus Teaching Us? (vs. 53-54)

- Coming to Jesus with a believing heart (vs. 51, 35, 37, 44, 36, 40, 47)
- Parable of the Sower (v. 54; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)
 - Hardened soil – the unbeliever
 - 3 types of faith:
 - 1) Rocky – no depth/depart the faith when trials come
 - 2) Weedy faith – faith is choked out by a love for the things of this world – Nominal Christians – in name only (Matthew 7:22-23)
 - 3) True faith – Produces fruit (Galatians 4:22-23)
 - An appetite for Jesus (Matthew 5:6)
 - Make Him your own (John 20:28)
 - Delight in Jesus – an irresistible feast
 - Depend on Him solely for all things in this life and everlasting life (Psalm 119:9-16)
- If you don't eat – no life (v. 53)
 - "Verily, verily" – assured condemnation

Conclusion and Application

- Have you embraced Jesus Christ with a believing heart? (2 Corinthians 13:5)