

## Eat and Be Satisfied

### Selected Scriptures

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God is the source of life and salvation (Isa. 45:22), but men have a habit of turning away from Him to make impotent imitations of what He freely offers (cf. Jer. 2:13). God calls men and women to come to Him and live (e.g. Ezek. 14:6; 18:23, 30, 32; 33:11) because men have a propensity to wander from Him when He alone can save them and give them life (Isa. 43:11; cf. Rev. 21:6; 22:17). The image of God as providing sufficient food and water to eat and drink is a potent illustration of His abundant provision to satisfy our every need (cf. Isa. 55:1-2).
  
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Many who profess faith in Christ have co-opted the teaching of Christ following the feeding of the 5,000 (Mk. 6:33-44; Jn. 6:1-14, 26-58) and imported it into the theology of the celebration of the Lord's Supper (cf. 1 Cor. 11:24b). The people had always been primarily concerned with Jesus' miracles (cf. Mk. 1:37), and following His multiplication of the loaves and fish they really wanted a continual supply of free and easy food (Jn. 6:26-29). Jesus emphasizes their need to believe in Him (Jn. 6:29) as that which provides them with the food that endures to eternal life (Jn. 6:27). The crowd brazenly demands a sign in order to believe in Jesus (Jn. 6:30-34) only for Jesus to restate their need to believe in the language of the miracle they desperately wanted Him to repeat. Faith in Him is what will satisfy their thirst (Jn. 6:35) and is the food which gives eternal life (Jn. 6:40, 47). Jesus' command to eat His flesh and drink His blood for eternal life (Jn. 6:51-58) is the conclusion of His illustration where eating stood for believing in Him, the true bread (Jn. 6:32).