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## John 6:67-69

**When Jesus talked about being the Bread of Life, it troubled some people.**

**He used figurative language, which sounded cannibalistic.**

John 6:51-59, *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.”*

**This was difficult to understand; some were offended (those lacking in faith).**

John 6:60-65, *“Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”*

**Many of His disciples left Him.**

John 6:66, *“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”*

**Prompting Jesus to ask the twelve:**

John 6:67, *“... Will ye also go away?”*

Peter’s response serves as the text of our lesson...

**John 6:68, “...to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.”**

He acknowledged that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

**He also confesses their faith in Him:**

John 6:69, “*And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*”

His question is one that we do well to ask today.

For the answers to our true purpose and mission in life, to find the words of eternal life, “To Whom Shall We Go?” There are many places we could turn to, indeed many do turn to, but they are not the right ones. For example, consider...

## To whom could we go?

### The opinions of the majority?

Many people look to whatever the majority believes.

What their peers think.

Whatever the latest polls indicate.

**But consider the words of Jesus, in describing the end of the majority.**

Matt. 7:13-14, “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*”

If you followed the majority...

In Noah’s day, you would have perished in the flood.

In Joshua’s day, you would have perished in the wilderness.

### The pronouncements of human wisdom?

Many feel that human wisdom can lead them to truth and life.

Especially that pronounced by educated professors.

**But God’s thoughts and ways are not always our own.**

Isa. 55:8-9, “*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*”

**In fact, God has chosen to save man in a manner specifically designed to confound those who depend solely upon human wisdom.**

1 Cor. 1:18-29, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.”

## The proclamations of preachers?

It is common for people to trust their preacher, priest, or “pastor”.

They reason that surely these “men of God” could not be wrong or lead them astray.

### **Yet, Paul warned of how we can easily be misled.**

2 Cor. 11:13-15, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

### **And Jesus warned about the “blind leading the blind”.**

Matt. 15:12-14, “Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”

## The dictates of our conscience?

“Let your conscience be your guide” is the motto of many.

But our conscience cannot always be reliable.

**Paul had served God with a good conscience throughout his life.**

Acts 23:1, *“And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”*

**Even at a time when he was persecuting Christians!**

Acts 26:9-11, *“I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.”*

Our conscience is like a clock, which works properly only if set properly.

## **The direction of our feelings?**

This is often where many people turn...

Who go by whatever “feels right”.

Who place stock in things “better felt than told”.

**Yet, the Bible declares the danger of trusting in “feelings”.**

- Prov. 14:12, *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*
- Prov. 28:26, *“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.”*
- Jer. 10:23, *“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”*

None of these should be the ultimate source to where we turn if we are looking for the words of eternal life. As confessed by Peter, there is only One...

## **To whom should we go?**

### **Jesus Christ, Son of the living God!**

**As Peter confessed in our text.**

John 6:68-69, *“Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

## **He is the one who provides us what we need:**

- John 6:27, “*Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*”
- John 6:35, “*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*”
- John 6:40, “*And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*”
- John 14:6, “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”
- John 6:27, “*Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*”

## **God confirmed Jesus to be the source of eternal life.**

- John 5:36, *But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*
- Rom. 1:4, “*And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*”

Yet, how does one “go to Jesus” when He no longer walks on the earth? We must turn to...

## **The apostles of Christ, inspired of the Spirit!**

Jesus prepared and equipped His apostles to carry on and complete His work.

### **He told them of the Holy Spirit.**

John 16:7-11, “*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*”

### **Who would guide them into all the truth.**

John 16:12-13, *“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”*

### **To receive the apostles is to receive Jesus.**

John 13:20, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.”*

### **Thus, the apostles were authoritative spokesmen for Christ.**

- 1 Thess. 4:1-2, *“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.”*
- 1 Thess. 4:8, *“He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.”*
- 1 John 4:6, *“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*
- Jude 1:17, *“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;”*

### **They received all things pertaining to life and godliness.**

2 Pet. 1:3, *“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”*

### **They did not shun to proclaim the whole counsel of God.**

- Acts 20:20-21, *“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- Acts 20:27, *“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”*

But how do we “go to the apostles” when they no longer live on the earth? We must turn to...

## The word of God in the New Testament!

**The apostles wrote that we might benefit from their understanding.**

Eph. 3:3-5, *“How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;”*

**We must view their words as the commandments of the Lord.**

1 Cor. 14:37, *“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”*

**Therefore, we are to hold fast to what they taught.**

- 2 Thess. 2:15, *“Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”*
- 2 Thess. 3:15, *“Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”*
- Jude 1:3, *“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”*

**As shown by the very first church in Jerusalem.**

Acts 2:42, *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”*

The words of the apostles preserved in their writings, can lead us to Him who alone has the words of eternal life!

## Conclusion

### To whom shall we go?

The answer must be “Jesus!”.

He is *“...the Christ, the Son of the living God”*.

He alone has *“...the words of eternal life”*.

**Where will you find Jesus?**

Not in the words of modern theologians and filmmakers, who have sought to remake Jesus according to their own image.

But in the words of His apostles, eyewitnesses of His majesty and inspired by the Spirit to reveal all that we need for life and godliness.

Don't let the disharmony of modern voices lead you away from Jesus and His words of eternal life. Make sure that it is His apostles' writings, the Word of God, that leads you to Him who is the way, the truth and the life!



