

Words of Eternal Life and Words for This Life

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

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I. Jesus does have the words of eternal life

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

Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, **Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.**

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

Joh 6:65 ...no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

—Today, many people still walk away from these words of eternal life

—Until the early 1800's, these words of Jesus were the gospel among Baptists

—In the Reformation, these words of Jesus became the gospel among the Protestants

—Where are the Baptists or Protestants today who preach these hard sayings of Jesus?

—Jesus never changed His gospel—His words were truth—And they still are

—Men—Preachers—And churches have changed what they stand for

—Jesus is truth—Jesus spoke truth—Jesus said, '*Thy word is truth*'—Truth is important

—*The truth will set you free*—Jesus' church is to be the *pillar and ground of truth*

—Two different statements about the same thing cannot both be true

—There is only one truth—It's not okay for me to have my truth and you have yours

—'*Alternative truth*' is nothing more than Satan's lie

—Paul said that there is no such thing as '*another*' gospel

—There is *the gospel of the grace of Christ*—Other than that—There are lies and heresy

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

II. Yet, not *the words of eternal life*—But Jesus' words for this life were the *hard saying*

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Joh 6:53 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.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Joh 6:58 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.

Joh 6:59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Joh 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

III. Example of how to rightly divide the word of truth

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

A. The word '*save*' sometimes refers to how we get to heaven

Mat 1:21 ...call his name JESUS: for **he shall save his people from their sins.**

B. The word '*save*' sometimes means: '*Lord, keep me from going to heaven, just yet!*'

Mat 14:30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, **Lord, save me.**

Jas 5:15 And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick**, and the Lord shall raise him up...

C. God saves us to heaven—All by Himself

2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 **Who hath saved us**, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace...

D. We can save ourselves from troubles in this world by following Jesus now

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

IV. Let us attempt to rightly divide Jesus' hard sayings in John 6

A. Jesus said that we need to labor for the meat which endures to eternal life

Joh 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Joh 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.

B. God's work for us now is to believe on Jesus—(True belief on Jesus changes lives)

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

—A life of fullness—A life of happiness and stability—(Like already having heaven)

Mat 4:17 ...Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mat 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me...

Mat 4:20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

Mat 5:3 Blessed (*happy*) are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:4 Blessed (*happy*) are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

C. The people wanted a 'sign' (more bread)— 'Jesus, you do the work, you feed us'

Joh 6:30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?
Joh 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

D. The manna-sending God sent Jesus—If we partake of Him—We will never hunger

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Joh 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.

Joh 6:36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

E. As they scoffed at Jesus' words for this life—He gave them words of eternal life

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

F. If we believe in Jesus—We may begin our everlasting life now—And have it forever

Joh 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.

G. The Jews missed these words—They were still murmuring at Jesus being bread

Joh 6:41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

Joh 6:42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

H. Jesus admonished their murmuring—And gave them more words of eternal life

Joh 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Joh 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

I. Jesus gave further words on how we may have the everlasting life, even now

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

J. We may now partake of the life that awaits us by partaking of Jesus now

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Joh 6:51 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.

K. The Jews were still hung up on Jesus' hard saying that He is the bread

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

L. Jesus continued to teach words for this life—And assuring words of eternal life

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M. Jesus' words are naturally incredible—(But not so, in the spiritual realm of words)

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N. Jesus' words about Him being bread offended many of His disciples

Joh 6:59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Joh 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

Joh 6:61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

O. Jesus (and His words) would be authenticated by His resurrection and ascension

Joh 6:62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

P. Two points: 1) The Spirit gives life 2) Jesus' words pertain to spiritual life things

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Q. But many *disciples* (many then and many now) do not believe Jesus' words

Joh 6:64 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.

R. Jesus recognized again that our coming to God must be of God

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

S. Many of Jesus' *disciples* turned and walked away (many then and many now)

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

T. Jesus' question (to them and to us)

Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

U. Peter's reply

Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, **Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.**

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V. 'To Whom Shall We Go?'

A. Jesus has the words of eternal life

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B. Jesus has the words that will let us be filled with eternal life—while still in this life

Joh 7:37 ..Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

Joh 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Joh 4:8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

Joh 4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Joh 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he **would have given thee living water.**

Joh 4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Psa 42:1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psa 42:2 **My soul thirsteth for God**, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Isa 55:1 Ho, **every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters**, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 **Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?** and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? **hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good**, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Act 2:37 ...Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized...