The Lord is My Portion: He is the Bread of Life

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John 6:28-35, 48-51

28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." 30 So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" (Exodus 16) 32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. 36-47... 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

I. JESUS IS THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

John 6:32, 51

32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, <u>it is not Moses who</u> <u>has given you the bread from heaven</u>, but <u>it is my Father who</u> <u>gives you the true bread from heaven</u>. 51 <u>I am the living bread</u> <u>that came down from heaven</u>..."

2. JESUS IS OFFERED TO <u>ALL</u> WHO <u>BELIEVE</u> IN HIM

<u>John 6:28-29</u>

28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "<u>The work of God is this</u>: to <u>believe in the one he has sent</u>."

<u>John 8:24</u>

"...<u>If you do not believe</u> that I am [the one I claim to be], <u>you</u> will indeed die in your sins."

Romans 3:22-24

22 This <u>righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus</u> <u>Christ to all who believe</u>... 23 for <u>all have sinned</u> and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are <u>justified freely by his grace</u> through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

3. JESUS <u>PROVIDES</u> US WITH <u>ETERNAL</u> LIFE

<u>John 6:48-51</u>

48 <u>I am the bread of life</u>. 49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But <u>here is the bread that comes</u> <u>down from heaven</u>, which <u>a man may eat and not die</u>. 51 <u>I am</u> <u>the living bread that came down from heaven</u>. If anyone eats of this bread, <u>he will live forever</u>. This bread is my flesh, which <u>I</u> will give for the life of the world."

<u>Acts 16:31</u>

They replied, "<u>Believe in the Lord Jesus</u>, and <u>you will be saved</u> — <u>you and your household</u>."

Romans 10:9

That if you <u>confess with your mouth</u>, "Jesus is Lord," and <u>believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead</u>, you <u>will be saved</u>.