

Greetings one and all!

Keep teachers and students in your prayers this week. School is beginning on Tuesday for the most part. Everything is going back to normal. Also in your prayers, keep Henry and Arlene. Henry has been in the hospital and has had a bout with COVID. Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

”What an unordinary way to refer to oneself. Bread is such a common element in the world, that even if people have nothing else, they have bread. And that is a wonder. Christ is God offering something that is so divine that it is untouchable for us humans; that something is forgiveness and life everlasting in heaven with Him.

It is such a special gift that Jesus would have every right to NOT offer it to us at all. Or...He could have placed such a value on it that the requirement for acceptance would be completing some high and mighty task. For example, find a rare flower high up on and inaccessible mountain and make a tea from it. Christ did not do that. His requirement is that we eat bread. Granted, not just any bread; not an earthly bread which perishes. But we are to partake of the Bread from Heaven...Christ Himself...which lasts for an eternal lifetime. And He offers that bread to everyone. He makes it readily available. Even if a person is so destitute that they do not have bread in their household, the Bread of Heaven is even available to them.

There is a problem, however. This Bread of Life needs to be distributed throughout the world. Those who have the Bread of Life must be willing to share it with others all over the world. That is what partaking of that Bread motivates us to do: share it! And we discover that the more we share this special commodity, the more we have of it in our own life.

What a special Bread that is! What a marvelous gift that is! The Bread of Life has come down from heaven so that we are able to readily make use of it. Praise be to God our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, that through the Holy Spirit we are able to eat the Bread of Life and drink from the Living Waters that God provides us.