

**Christ: The Bread of Life**  
**John 6:41-51**  
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Was Jesus a good evangelist?

Our grumbling against God must be humbled.

**Grumbling, v. 41-43**

What is grumbling? (Exodus 15:24; Numbers 11:1; 14:27)

“Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others.” C. S. Lewis

Grumblers sit in God’s judgement seat.

Who gets the credit for your faith?

**God Draws Even Grumblers to Salvation. v. 44**

‘Can’ implies ability, ‘may’ implies permission.

Once God draws us to trust in Jesus, He never lets us go.

**Believers Are Taught of God. v. 45**

God draws people by teaching. (Isaiah 54:13; Jeremiah 31:34)

They are taught of God. This education goes in one direction only.

What is typically the first step in believing in Jesus as the Savior?

Holland Wooden Shoe Factory. Prove the need.

**Experience Does Not Trump Revelation v. 46**

This verse is a strike against personal experience trumping revelation.

We don’t discover God on our own.

**The Good News v. 47-48**

Truly, truly is what God says to really get your attention.

“Whoever believes has eternal life.”

Yes, but how does that fit with v. 44?

**The Bread of Life v. 49-51**

The Bread of Life will sustain many from all over the world for eternal life.

This bread comes down from heaven.

This bread gives life, it not merely sustains earthly life for a time, but grants real life - full life, eternal life.

This bread is My flesh. I will die to set you free.

Stop grumbling. Humble yourself before the Sovereign God. And believe.

**Meditation**

**Luther’s Gospel**

The bad news, as Martin Luther continually reminded himself and others, is that I am a sinner. Inevitably, I intractably doubt, disregard, or dismiss God’s speaking to me from the pages of Holy Scripture, defying His will and demanding to go my own way. That, Luther knew, leads only to death.

The good news is that my Creator has come into human flesh and blood, skin and bones. Jesus, the eternal word made flesh, died to eliminate my defiance and doubt of God. Jesus rose from death to restore my identity in God’s sight as His beloved child (Romans 4:25). Although Luther recognized that Scripture and general usage have several definitions for the words, law and gospel—and he used them all—he employed the terms as a team in tandem as a hermeneutical principle. In this team, “law” designates God’s plan for human life and His expectations of His human creatures. “Gospel” presents and pronounces God’s saving plan for His own act of re-creation in reconciling sinners to Himself. This sensitivity to the distinction of God’s expectations and God’s gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation informs the Lutheran view of human life still today.

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