



"I am the bread which came down from heaven."

- John 6:41

Living in Heaven on Earth

Kingdom of Heaven is offered today

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:53-54)
- “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” (John 5:28-29)
- “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...” (Eph. 2:19)

Can I live in the kingdom of heaven on earth?

- “And this is the testimony: that God **has given** us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who **has** the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God **does not have life**.” (1 John 5:11-12)
- “Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her, **I am the resurrection and the life**. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live**. And **whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die**. Do you believe this?” (John 11:24-26)

Where to find the Son?

- “For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.” (Ephesians 3:1-7)

Communion

“For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides in Me, and I in him.**”

(John 6:55-56)

“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “ This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

(Luke 22:19)

Communion

“He makes and transforms the bread and wine of the sacrifice through his divine operation into his own body and blood, by the visitation of the Holy Spirit, for the sanctification and enlightenment of those who eagerly participate in it.”
(John of Damascus c. 650-750)

Communication

“I desire therefore that the men pray
everywhere, lifting up holy hands...”
(1 Tim. 2:8)

Scripture

“My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.” (Luke 8:21)

“My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.” (Ps. 119:25)

Eutychus

“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.”

Eutychus

“¹⁰ But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him. ¹¹ Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.” (Acts 20:7-12)

That's not it...

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.**”
(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

“Make us all worthy, O our Master, to partake of Your Holies, unto the purification of our souls, bodies, and spirits, that we may become one body and one spirit, and may have a share and inheritance with all the saints who have pleased You since the beginning.”
(Liturgy of St. Basil)