

## Gospel Bread Recipe

The Gospel Story:

In the beginning, God created the world and everything in it. The flour in this recipe represents humanity. **Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 5-6 cups all-purpose flour (you can substitute whole wheat flour for 1 or 2 cups).



But man was sinful and was separated from God. The yeast in this recipe represents sin. **Romans 3:23** says for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 2 tablespoons of dry yeast

But God created a way to redeem mankind and bring them forever into His presence. The sugar in this recipe represents God's love for us. **John 3: 16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 2 tablespoons brown sugar



Jesus Christ, God's son was sent to live on this earth as our sacrifice for our sins. The salt represents Jesus' life and ministry on this earth. **1 John 3:16** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. 1 tablespoon salt.



The hot water in this recipe represents God's judgment poured out on His very Son for our redemption. **Romans 1:18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men...2 cups hot water (120-130 degrees F.)

Mix 3 cups of the flour with the yeast, sugar and salt while you tell the story of Jesus. Pour in the hot water and beat 100 strokes (or 3 minutes with a mixer).

Stir in the remaining flour until the dough loses its stickiness. Turn onto a floured surface. Knead for 8 minutes.



Christ was crucified on a cross by men but God used Him as the sacrifice for all mankind. Kneading the dough represents Christ's body, broken and bruised for our transgressions.

Place dough in a greased bowl and cover with a warm damp cloth. Let rise for 15 minutes in a warm spot (away from drafts).

Punch down and divide the dough into two pieces. Shape into a round loaf and place on a greased baking sheet. Cut an "X" one-half inch deep in each of the loaves with a wet sharp knife.



Cutting the top of the dough represents the spear that pierced his body to ensure His death. **John 19:34** says one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.



Christ was placed in a tomb for three days. **John 19:41** At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Place baking sheet with loaf in the middle of a COLD oven. Place a pan of hot water on the lowest shelf. Heat the oven to 400 degrees and bake 25 minutes until golden brown. The baking of the dough in the oven represents Christ's death. Then, in God's power, Christ rose from the dead after three days.



The baked bread represents the Bread of Heaven, Jesus Christ who says in **Revelation 1:18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Jesus invites you to place your trust in Him as your personal Savior. **Mark 14:22** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." You can become a disciple of Christ if you accept His gift to you. Take some bread, Christ's body broken for you and eat! **John 6:51** 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." Praise God for His wonderful gift for us, Jesus.