

# The Gospel of St. John

John 6:36-59

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- Just too much to say about John 6.
  - Deity of Christ
  - Compassion of God consistently shown
  - Response of true disciples
  - Response of false disciples
  - Don't waste your life - what are you working for?
  - Sovereign plan of God, mystery of conversion
  - Does this foreshadow and establish transubstantiation Eucharist?
  - Powerful preaching of Jesus
  - Salvation and eternal life - Believe. Believe. Believe.

## Believing:

- There is nothing in which you can be employed that is more acceptable to God than
  - Yielding to the evidence set before you
  - Acknowledging Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God, and the savior of sinners
  - Recognizing that Jesus is present in your life, yielding to him Lordship of your life.
  - Trusting what Jesus says
  - Obeying his commandments - respond
- This is what it means to believe!

## Verses 36-40:

- “But the fact of the matter is that you have seen the evidence clearly for yourselves and yet you still don't believe me!”
- Jesus almost sounds discouraged
- JESUS' MISSION AND OURS "WAS [IS] FIRMLY ROOTED IN THE OMNIPOTENT SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD." (J. MacArthur)
- "We" are a gift from God the Father to God the Son! We have been given and received as a token of love, a love gift.

## Verse 37:

- Thus enters the “mystery of conversion”:
- Fact 1: Not all who see Jesus will come or believe in him.
- Fact 2: All that are chosen will come! “shall come to me”. The chosen are drawn (v. 44) (influenced by God the Holy Spirit)
- Fact 3: All who come are welcome! - “I will in no wise cast out.” Emphatically stated!!

## Verses 38-40:

- And another time we get a clear insight of God's will.
- Fact 4: All who come are forever safe!
  - Because Jesus came to do this very thing - the Father's will.
  - It is the Father's will that Jesus will never ever lose anything that he's been given.
  - It is the Father's will that those who believe in Jesus will have everlasting life.
  - Jesus personally will raise believers up at the last day.

## Verses 38-40 (cont'd):

- The beauty of these verses culminates in the fact that, as Jude 1 says,
  - “Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are the *called, beloved* in God the Father, and *kept* for Jesus Christ:”
  - we are called and kept for Jesus Christ! Amen!
  - Lose a love gift?

## Comments:

- Do you see the thread? Believe. Believe. Believe. Believing is described as eating.
- As we read these verses as well as a little later, we see God's absolute sovereignty in man's salvation.
- It is foundational to the Christian Faith!
- I think it expounds on the TULIP acrostic:
  - T (v.36) U (v.37) L (v.40) I (v.44) P (v.34)
- How do you know if you are one of the elect?
- Read v.37.

## Reading and Discussion:

- What does Jesus call Himself throughout these verses?
  - v.33,35,48,50,51,55,58, true bread of life, true drink
- Where does He say He came from and why?
  - down from heaven, given, sent
- What is the first thing that must happen?
  - v.37,44,45 heard and learned
- What are we supposed to do in response?
  - believe, come, behold, hunger, thirst, eat, drink
- What is the result?
  - life, eternal life, live forever, raised up, abide in Christ, <sup>9</sup>  
satisfied security never lost

## Reading and Discussion:

- Do these verses support the Roman Catholic belief in transubstantiation?
- Is this a reference (foreshadow) to the Lord's table?
- Is eternal life gained by taking communion? Why do we take communion?