

The Bread of Life - How God Saves

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John 6:35-40

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An Important Sign

- Feeding^{6:1-15} of 5000 'sign' is included in all 4 gospels
- People wanted to set Jesus up as a Political Messiah (King) - He withdrew
- Jesus declared Himself to be the Bread of Life³⁵
- Jesus knew their hearts - told them *you have seen me, yet do not believe*³⁶

Jesus Lays Down Some Profound Doctrines

- This part of the Gospel is deep enough to drown elephants...
- Doctrines of Grace - Reformed Theology - Westminster Confession...
- Summarized: **TULIP**: Total depravity; **U**nconditional Election; **L**imited Atonement; **I**rrresistible Grace; and the **P**erseverance of the saints. Also **BACON**: **B**ad People; **A**lready Elected; **C**ompletely Atoned For; **O**verwhelmingly Saved; **N**ever falling away

Bad People - Total Depravity Deduced

- All the Father gives me³⁷ shows Unconditional Election see 39,33
- Jesus teaches there is a number whom the Father has determined to give to the Son for salvation... so that means some aren't chosen
- Why don't all believe? The Fall, our depravity
- *How could I love a God who would create people destined for destruction?*
- Paul answers Rom 9:14-24. God is merciful to some
- *Why would God save any? Why would God save me?*
- Let Scripture teach you about God and nature of man, not your opinions
- Jesus KNEW who would believe^{37,39,44;64-65} that's why Father saves
- We can't choose God because we're spiritually dead^{Ro3:10-12;Ep2:1-3}
- BUT God is loving & merciful^{Rm5:8} and saves some, we all deserve death^{Rm6:23}
- Covenant of Grace - God's Eternal plan to save sinners, first promised^{Gen3:15}
- So WHY would God save any? For God's glory^{Rm9:17;23}. Jesus satisfied^{Jls53:11}
- From eternity^{Eph1:4} God determined Son's work would not be in vain^{Rm8:29}

Already Elected

- Jesus declared truth of election - that caused offense... then and now...
- OT picture of this^{Gen24} Abraham sends servant to find bride for his son...
- If you are a believer you are a gift from the Father to the Son!
- Marvel in reality that the Church is the 'bride' of Christ^{Eph5:25-32;2Co11:2}

Overwhelmingly Saved

- Jesus' words *will come to me*³⁷ - God will accomplish His will
- but what about my free will? Fall= we are spiritually dead^{Rm5:12;1Co15:21-22}
- Grace means we can now be made alive because God draws⁴⁴ them
- We didn't choose to be physically born... likewise spiritually^{Jn3:3}

Christ Atones for Those Who Come to Him- Limited Atonement

- Jesus makes clear He came to do His Father's will^{Jl38,51}
- Jesus came as a man to do the work of redeeming those the Father gave Him^{Mt1:21;Jn10:11}

Jesus Keeps Those who Come to Him - Never Falling Away

- Doctrines of grace are humbling! All we bring to the table is our sin^{Eph2:8-9}
- Doctrines of grace provide Great Comfort *whoever comes I will never cast out*³⁷
- Ever feel unworthy? Consider Peter denied Jesus 3x^{Mk14:71} Was not cast out!
- Jesus came & restored Peter^{Jn21:15-19}. Jesus does the same for us^{Jn6:39-40;1Jn1:9}
- Are you a Professor or Possessor? Professor looks at the physical & works...
- Possessor looks to Son⁴⁰ as their only hope to *being raise up on the last day*⁴⁰
- Believe Jesus is The Bread of Life!