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Psalms 127:3-5 *Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.*

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Gospel of John

John 6:37-40

I AM The Bread of Life

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Biblical View of Mankind

- Created in the image of God, upright and without sin (Gen 1:26-27)
- Mankind fell in sin (Gen 3) and as a result (1) everyone born of the seed of Adam (mankind) is guilty/condemned in Adam (Rom 5:12, 18-19) (2) everyone is born in sin (Ps 51:5, Ps 58:3, Eph 2:1-3)
- The impact of being born in sin (sinful nature)
 - Every intention of the heart is only evil continually (Gen 6:5)
 - Dead in sin, live in the passion of our flesh (Eph 2:1-3)
 - Slaves to sin (Rom 6:6)
 - Hostile towards God, unable to please God (Rom 8:7-8)
 - Unable and unwilling to accept the things of the Spirit of God; it is foolishness to us (1 Cor 2:14)
 - Lovers of darkness (John 3:19)
 - None are righteous, no one seeks for God, no one does good, there is no fear of God (Rom 3:10-18)

Fallen mankind is not only guilty and condemned in sin, but unable and unwilling to come to God because he/she is dead in sin (spiritually) and a slave to sin. Honestly, is that your view of you outside of Christ? If you don't have this view of mankind as you approach the text today, you won't like what it says. But if this is your view of humanity in their sin apart from Christ then you will rejoice at the good news and hope of today's text!

John 6:30-36

30 So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

- What a difference there is between the words of Christ, and those of all mere men! Most men speak many words, yet say but little; Christ speaks few words, yet says very much..... in two small sentences, the sum and substance of all theology. -CH Spurgeon referring to John 6:37
- Look for cause and effect (Note the order)
- What's Jesus explanation as to why these Jews did not come, and why God's plan hasn't failed in their rejection of Him? (**Romans 9:1-6**)

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- You saw me and you didn't come (v36), but all that the Father gives me will come (v37)
- Doctrine of election/predestination-God displaying His mercy/grace by choosing/electing sinners to have compassion on

All that the Father gives me will come to me: Context: Salvation (v35-36)

- Cause: *All that the Father gives me*
- Effect: *(All) will come to me*
- The Father's giving of people to Jesus determines who will come
- These Jews in v36 didn't come (believe), it is implied they weren't of the given ones from the Father to the Son

All that the Father gives me will come to me

- The Father (God) is doing the giving. When did He give these people to the Son?
 - Immediate Context: **v39** *And this is the will of Him (Father) who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that **He has given me** (past tense)*
 - Bible Context: **Eph 1:3-4** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*
 - God the Father gave people to God the Son before the foundation of the world (God’s plan of redemption)
 - As a result of the Father’s giving, all that are given will come to Jesus (and be saved)
 - Good news or bad news? Hope of salvation opening or closing?
 - If the Father left “coming to Jesus” up to us (in our sinful state) no one would be saved (just like v36)
 - God electing/predestining people is throughout the Bible. The debate is not whether He elects/predestines people, but the question is “On what basis does He elect/predestine people?” 8

Conditional election/predestination or Unconditional election/predestination:

- Conditional: God elects based on something seen or foreseen in people (remember our Biblical view of mankind in sin; consider the consequences-If it is based on you, he would never choose you)
- Unconditional: God elects/chooses people not based on anything good or foreseen in them, but according to His own gracious will
 - **Eph 1:4-5** *In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace*
 - **Rom 9:6-16** *For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.*

God the Father according to purpose of His good will and to the praise of His glorious grace has chosen hell deserving sinners to be recipients His love and mercy by giving them to His Son to be redeemed by His Son, granted repentance and faith, leading to forgiveness and eternal life.

All that the Father gives me will come to me:

- How many are missing from those given to those who come in this statement?
None, all come
- How can Jesus be so sure that all the hell-deserving sinners who the Father chooses and gives to the Son will come to him (believe)?
- Now we are dealing with the doctrine of “effectual grace” or “irresistible grace”
- Those whom God has elected/chosen and given to the Son, He ensures they will come to the Son by regenerating them and drawing them with effectual grace.
 - This is NOT forcing people who don’t want Jesus to want Jesus, but rather this is re-creating people, giving them new hearts, freed from sin/deadness and awakening them to newness of life. This is a monergistic work that the Holy Spirit does to us (new heart), & as a result we turn from our sin (repentance) & turn to Jesus (faith) and we are saved. (Ezek 36:22-31, John 3:1-15)
 - **Ephesians 2:1-5** *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—* (Also note John 1:11-13 Prologue)
 - If you are saved today why did you one day turn from sin to Christ? Why did you of all your family believe?

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

- **Romans 8:30** *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (John 6:37 is Jesus golden chain of salvation)*
- All the Father gives, All will come, All who come, All will be kept (never cast out)
- This is dealing with the doctrine of “perseverance of the saints” but it is such an encouraging statement about Jesus not rejecting any who come to Him
- Whoever comes to Jesus will never be cast out
- You may ask “How do I know if I have been chosen/predestined by the Father?”
 - Come to Jesus, believe in Jesus and prove to be chosen by the Father and you will never be cast out Some who profess Christ will be cast out (Matt 7:21-23, John 6:66)
 - The Father’s electing/predestining does not remove our responsibility to repent of our sins and come to Christ in faith to be saved. Rather, it enables our responsibility.
 - The Son’s “accepting/keeping/never casting out” doesn’t remove our responsibility to come to Jesus in faith to be saved, and to remain in Him and persevere in Him to the end, but rather it enables our perseverance.