

The Giving Father and Welcoming Son

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*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me
I will certainly not cast out. - John 6:37*

Introduction

John 6:37 is a wonderful truth and promise.

John 6:37 needs to be understood in the context of John and John 6, especially, as well as the rest of Scripture.

John 6:37 is a fitting verse to think through in light of last Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. – John 20:21-23; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-16

John 6:37 also highlights that there is a mystery in the growth of the Church. There is no method for success, only a path of faithfulness. – Mark 4:26-29

We are called to spread the good news of Jesus with confidence in light of verses like John 6:37.

We are to spread the good news by faithfully communicating the gospel of Jesus in love and in dependence on God's sovereign grace.

The Coming of Repentant Faith

So, what does it mean to come to Christ?

To repent and believe the gospel proclaimed. – John 6:35; Acts 20:21

Coming to Jesus is coming to Him for what we need to be saved. – John 6:54, 57

Coming to Jesus is coming to be satisfied (just like the feeding of the 5,000). – John 6:47, 54, 57

Coming to Jesus is to stop looking for life in anyone or anything else. – John 6:66-69; Hebrews 11:6; Luke 15:11-24

The Giving of the Father

So, what is involved in the Father giving sinners to Jesus?

It involves God working in people so that they believe in Jesus. – John 6:29

The work of the Father is contrary to the nature of the sinner (just like Jesus walking on the water). – John 6:19, 36, 70-71

It involves the necessary and irresistible grace of God at work in the heart of sinners. – John 6:44-45, 60-65

It guarantees the salvation of those the Father gives the Son. – John 6:38-39; Acts 13:48; Matthew 22:1-14

The Welcome of the Son

So, who will never ever be cast out if they come to Jesus?

All those who see Jesus for who He is and entrust themselves to Him. – John 6:40

All those who receive the offer of life in Jesus (like the manna in the wilderness). – John 6:31, 48-51

All those who trust in the life and death of Jesus in their place to satisfy God's wrath. – John 6:53-58

All those who ask for salvation through Jesus and what He has done alone. – Romans 10:8-13; Luke 14:16-24

Application

So, what should we do as believers sent into the world by the risen Christ?

Ask the Father: *Pray specifically and regularly for the salvation of souls.* Make a list of family and friends and co-workers and others that are unbelievers that you are praying for daily and, if you like, submit it to the elders to be a part of a private list of people to pray for that is available to members only and only by request. (1 Timothy 2:1-7; Romans 10:1)

Go Fishing: *Pray for grace to be a 'bold questioner.'* And think about the kinds of questions you can ask to start conversations. (Matthew 4:18-23; Colossians 4:2-6; Romans 10:14-17)

Conclusion

A Perennial Problem: Those who most exalt the doctrine of God's grace often seem to struggle the most to actually do what that sovereign God says to do (especially in certain areas)! – Acts 18:5-11

The sovereignty of God should inspire confidence, not instill paralysis!

The doctrine of God's sovereignty should not:

Keep us from praying.

Keep us from witnessing.

Keep us from coming to Christ.

Make us indifferent to what happens and the saving of souls.

Make us lax in our pursuit of obedience to what God commands.

The doctrine of God's sovereignty should:

Give us confidence in praying (that God is able to do what we ask).

Give us confidence in witnessing (with the hope and certainty that some will believe).

Give us confidence in coming to Christ (and give God the glory for our coming to Christ).

Make us passionate about what happens and the saving of souls.

Make us hopeful and diligent in our obedience to what God commands.