



Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God



Gospel of John

John 6:38-40

The Father's Will

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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. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Contextual Review:

- *V35 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. (Ex 3:13-14)*
- *V36 you have seen me and yet do not believe*
- *V37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*
 - **John 3:7-8** *Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*
 - **John 1:11-13** *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*
- **Colossians 3:12-14** *Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony*

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- **For:** Pointing back to the preceding verse (v38 is answering v37)
 - *V37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For....*
- Why will all that the Father gives to the Son come to Him, and why will all who come never be cast out? Answer v38
 - (Remember look for cause and effect)
- Jesus has *come down from heaven* -Speaks of His deity, His Oneness with the Father, and it speaks of his humanity (the incarnation) “*The Word becoming flesh*” (1:14)

Not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me

- **John 4:34** *Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.*
- There is a definitive plan, a will, a work of God the Father, that Jesus the Son has come to accomplish
- Jesus Christ has not come to merely make salvation possible, but to ensure salvation for all those whom the Father has given him
- **John 19:30** *It is finished* (accomplished, completed, fulfilled)

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day

- The Father's will for the Son is pertaining to those "*he has given*" to the Son (His elect v37). His willing/decreeing for the Son is not regarding all people
 - ***That I should lose nothing of all that he has given me:*** This is pertaining again to the doctrine of perseverance. Jesus (The Good Shepherd) will not lose any of those whom the Father has given (elect)
 - ***But raise it up on the last day:*** Not only are we kept to the end, but we are raised up (bodily resurrection 5:27-29)
 - ***On the last day*** (The day of His triumphant return)
 - These doctrines show that from eternity past (Father electing) to eternity future (Son raising up on last day unto eternal life) that God gets all the glory (**Eph 1:6** *To the praise of His glorious grace*)

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- Make sure we follow the order: v37 All the Father gives to the Son come, v37 All that come will never be cast out, because v38 the Son came to accomplish the Father’s will, v39 The will of the Father is that the Son lose nothing of those given, and raise them up on the last day.
 - Now in v40 “*everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life and will be raised up on the last day*”
- There’s an openness to this verse “*Everyone who looks on the Son and (everyone who)believes in him should have eternal life*”
- Who is going to look on the Son? Believe in him? Come to him?
 - All those given by the Father (v37), remember this is the determining factor
- How is Jesus going to give them eternal life?
 - By giving His body and blood as an atoning sacrifice (v52-59)

Who is Jesus going to give his body and blood as an atoning sacrifice for, thereby securing for them eternal life?

- Is he doing this for an unspecified/random/potential people, whether they come or not? Follow the train of thought. Follow the context.
- Jesus came for a specific group of people “*All the Father had given him*”
- This is not a question of sufficiency, but of intent and efficacy.
- This is the doctrine of definite atonement. Jesus work (life, death, burial, resurrection) secured salvation for all those given to Him by the Father.
- Any understanding of the Father’s election, the Fathers drawing/efficacious calling, the Sons persevering/keeping power, or the Sons definite atonement that removes the means He has chosen to work through, or our responsibility in these matters is a wrong understanding. Again, what we are seeing is salvation from God’s perspective and it is assured.
- All that the Father has willed/decreed to be accomplished in His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ will come to pass. This should be bring great hope and humility.