

- Sermon: **18 Min**
- **Introduction: 1.6 Min** What a wonderful gift to be invited to see Jesus! Each year, we marvel at the incarnation of Christ. God made flesh, God in human form! God given by God so that sinners might be made right with Him, so that they might live. This is the wonder of Christmas. I invite those of us who have a copy of the Scripture to open to the book of John, chapter 6. We have heard the call to come, the invitation to come. Now let us look to the One who came. The One who came not to do His will but His Father's. This Christ became man and He came to save so let us come and marvel at Christ.
- In John chapter 6 we will be considering verses 35-40 and I have broken this text into four points. Our first is titled "Complete Sustainment." The Christ offers to completely sustain those who come to Him in faith.
- **I. Complete Sustainment (v35) .25 Min** READ SLOW *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.*
 - **2.75 Min**
 - **The Gift of Life:** In verse 35, Jesus, makes an astonishing claim... the context makes His statement, "I am the bread of life" incredible. In verse 32-33, He says He was given by His Father to give life to the world... PAUSE Don't let the immensity of what He said pass by. When we believe in Jesus that means we trust Him, we trust Him that what He says about Himself is true. Furthermore, that isn't simply an acknowledgment of truth, or a mental understanding of it, to trust in Jesus means that we take His words to heart. When that happens then we believe Him and it is then we receive life from the Bread of life which isn't a short term solution like eating physical bread. PAUSE
 - **The Assurance of Absolutes:** But check this out! Don't miss how emphatically Christ said this. He PROMISES that those who believe Him won't ever spiritually starve, no on the contrary - it will never happen. Take it to the bank, on the Word of the Son of God to be of any benefit at all to the hearer, to take advantage of the offered gift we must believe Him. We must have confidence that He is the only means given by God by which we can live.
 - **Paradox:** Isn't this surprising? Isn't this strangely paradoxical - Consider what He said in comparison with what He is going to do on the cross... The Giver of life, will die, so that those who are dead might live... that is astonishing! PAUSE What a Gift given by the Father! PAUSE
 - **Contra Example:** Before we move on to our second point, I think it is timely to ask ourselves a question... If coming to Christ and believing in Him leads to life, what

happens, what really happens if Christ is rejected? What must happen, *to me*, if I reject the Gift of God? LONG PAUSE

- **Transition:** Verses 36-37 are our second point... I have titled it "Un/Committed." In verses 36-37 Christ states that not everyone interacting with Him has believed.
- **II. Un/Committed (v36-37) .25 Min** *"But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out.*
- **3.75 Min**
- **Seeing Is Not Believing:** [John 6:36](#) *"But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe."* Jesus says, somewhat surprisingly that, 'seeing isn't believing!' Although many saw the feeding of the five thousand earlier in the chapter, they still did not believe. That is incredible! Can we take from this that the crowds were fixated on the blessing but not the Blessor? I think we can... They desired free food and that need overshadowed any desire to truly know the Giver of that blessing. Unfortunately, it appears that these folks, are uncommitted to Christ - they don't believe Him. But that being said, there are some, there are some that ARE committed to Him. Before we proceed though I think it needs to be clarified what I mean when I say that they are committed to Christ. When I say that they are 'committed' I mean that they have been given by the Father to the Son. They are divinely selected by the Father and entrusted by Him to His Son - that is what I mean when I say committed.
- verse 37 says [John 6:37](#) *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out."*
- **Commitment:** The work of faith in the life of the Christian is so great, God removed any possibility of failure - this Work has been committed to Christ... Christian, we have been committed to Christ! What security there is in that! What a marvel for the believer! The work of faith is a work that the Father would only entrust to His beloved Son - He committed it to the only Faithful One. What assurance! What hope the Christian has! The Christian has been committed to the One who will never lose us, He will never dispose of us, never cast us away from Him. To cast the Christian away from Himself would be unthinkable, it would be a rejection of His Father! It would be a refusal of a gift... which quite frankly is unthinkable!
- **Transition:** You see within the Godhead all three Persons, Father, Son and Spirit work together, they are absolutely unified in God's will. The Father sends the Son, the Son saves and the Spirit seals the Believer into Christ. Let's continue to verse 38. Verse 38 is our third point which I have titled, "Entirely Unified"

- **III. Complete Unity (v38) .10 Min** *“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*
 - **2.5 Min**
 - **Unified by love:** The Son has come to do the will of His Father, sent by His Father, He came. He came, knowing all that would be required of Him! Knowing the humiliation of taking on human flesh He became man. All of the Godhead was unified in this, from before the beginning of time, the Godhead is unified in accomplishing the will of God. The Father sends, the Son saves, the Spirit seals and the Christian believes. [*Ephesians 1:13–14*](#) *“In Him (CHRIST), you also, after listening to the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.”* Not one participant in this great work comes unwillingly, but love drives every single one, ultimately all so that God may receive due honor and glory. May I add, just briefly, for your consideration another idea? This Spirit of unity present within the Godhead is also to be present within Christ’s Church. Love is to drive us, to compel us to put others ahead of ourselves, to sacrifice our comfort for others, to foster a spirit of reconciliation where sin has divided... all these things are to be done ultimately to mirror the unity, the love of God to the praise of the glory of God.
 - **Action:** Now, having understood the Christ’s commitment in doing His Father’s will it becomes apparent that we too are called to embrace and fulfill God’s will. Christ came to do His Father’s will... shouldn’t we who are in Christ do the same? LONG PAUSE. What is God’s will.... God’s will is clearly communicated in verses 39-40 for both the Son and those whom He came to save and the result is complete assurance.
 - **Transition:** The title of the fourth and final point for verses 39-40 is “Complete Assurance,” let’s read
- **IV. Complete Assurance (v39-40) .50 Min** *“Now this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”*
 - **1.40 Min**
 - **God’s Will:** God’s will is not a mystery, it is revealed through His word what He wills... He wills that all given to Christ will not be lost but raised to eternal life! It is God’s will that those who believe in Him will have eternal life. What a relief for those longing for assurance!
 - **Assurance:** It is the structure of verse 39 and 40 that compels belief...Do we see the repetition here of *being raised*? Being raised shows up in both 39 and 40... Now in

Scripture, repetition provides emphasis - this promise is sure. Christ Himself will raise those who believe in Him, not to eternal destruction but to eternal life. This promise is good, it is good not just because it is repeated but because we know the character of the Promise Maker. Christ must not lose anyone, Christ must cause all given Him to be raised. Not one will be missed, none will be forgotten... All who are in Christ will be raised.

- **1.50 Min**
- **Conclusion:**
- **Summary:** Salvation through Christ is the gift of God and all are invited to receive the gift of Christ. God has ensured that this gift will be received by those whom He has given to Christ. Christ must succeed, He cannot fail to do what He has been sent to accomplish. He must fulfill His promise to raise up those who believe in Him.
- **Conclusion:** In conclusion, I ask us to consider some of the words that end this Bible found in [Revelation 22:17](#) which says, *“And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wishes receive the water of life without cost.”* The Spirit of Christ declares to us to come to Him. The Bride of Christ, which is the Church, declares come. Come all hearers and partake of the Giver of life in faith because as Christ says just a couple of verses later, *“Yes, I am coming quickly,”* So we who are in Christ say, amen, Come Lord Jesus.
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