

The Gospel of John Part 29: His Guarantee of Assurance

John 6:35-40



John 6:35-40 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. 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 the one who 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 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. 40 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) Assurance Comes By Partaking in the Bread of Life. Before anyone can experience the great assurance that comes through faith, one must become a partaker of the Bread of Life. Jesus says that "seeing" alone is not enough, but seeing and "believing" is how we gain eternal life. The difference between "seeing" and "believing" is the difference between "knowing" and "trusting." Knowing about Jesus and trusting in Him for eternal life are two different things. Trust means we take Him at His word, that we

believe He is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do, and we have confidence in the promise and the promise giver. A person is found trusting when we are found obeying the Word of God.

2) Assurance Means We Will Never Be Rejected. Jesus tells the crowd that once they believe in Him that He will never reject them. When Jesus says that He will "never cast out," this is not a conditional statement, meaning, there are no strings attached. Once the Father gives the believer to Jesus, for His eternal care and as His eternal possession, then we are His forever. Our salvation belongs to the Father because of a work of the Son. The Father gives us to the Son and Son keeps us. There is nothing a believer can do to cause Jesus to reject them in the end.

3) Assurance Means We Will Never Be Neglected. Jesus tells the crowd that for those who believe in Him, that He will never lose a single person in the faith. To "lose nothing" speaks both to neglect and hostility. Jesus will never lose a believer because He will never neglect a believer. Once we believe, we possess Jesus's undivided care and attention over our lives forever. Jesus will never lose a believer because nobody can take us from Him as an act of hostility. The devil will never be able to snatch the believer out of the hand of Jesus. Because both Jesus and the Father have an eternal grip on our lives and not anyone or anything can cause God to let loose. This is Jesus's guarantee of assurance, that for all who believe in Him, He will raise them up on the last day no matter what.