

Sermon Notes

Title: "The Success of Grace"

Text: John 6:35-44

Theme: Efficacious grace informs us that God's plan of redemption is successful. It lets us know that God is God. His goodness is powerful and effective to do what He has planned, which is to draw His people to Himself and save them through faith in Christ Jesus.



I. Why This Became an Issue in the Church

II. What About Grace that Does Not Profit People?

III. A Look at the Text of John 6:35-44

IV. Applications

A. God's efficacious grace _____ His _____.

B. Efficacious grace means a person is _____ by the _____ and full _____ of God to rely _____ on Jesus.

C. Efficacious grace does not mean _____ and doing _____ until you feel God is _____ you to believe.

Next Week Read: Romans 8:18-30

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Who did not believe in Jesus (vv. 22, 36, 41)?
2. Who will believe in and come to Jesus (v. 37a)?
3. What does Jesus do for those who come to Him (v. 37b)?
4. Why did people grumble and complain against Jesus (vv. 41-42)?
5. How did Jesus respond to their complaints against His words (v. 44a)?
6. What does this statement imply regarding efficacious grace?
7. What other “Doctrines of Grace” are found in this text?
8. Why was efficacious grace an issue in the Reformation Church?
9. How do you reconcile statements in Scripture that say people do resist the Holy Spirit (Who works by grace)?
10. How is the word “irresistible” open to misunderstanding in this matter?
11. When God draws a person to Himself, does that mean the person comes to Christ against his or her will? Why or why not?
12. How does sovereign election lead to efficacious grace?
13. If God’s saving grace is efficacious, does this mean a person who hears God’s Word is just to sit back and wait until he feels God is at work in him? Explain.
14. In what ways has God’s grace led you to believe and repent?

Additional Notes: