

Series: John
Title: Three Grand Truths
Text: John 6:37
Date: May 9, 2021
Place: SGBC, NJ

John 6: 37: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John Bunyan said of John 6:37, "It is a text for a man to hang his soul upon, since it speaks, not of the people who come, but of the PERSON to whom they come; His ability, His willingness, and His love to those who are afar off and to them who are nigh."

Proposition: This is a simple but grand statement. In this statement are three grand truths which stretch from eternity—throughout time—back to eternity.

Divisions: 1) First, eternal election—**All that the Father giveth me...**2)Second, efficacious grace—**shall come to me** 3) Last, preserving grace—**and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

Subject: Three Grand Truths

ETERNAL ELECTION—*ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME*

Who is the “all?” It is all that the Father chose in divine election and gave to Christ to save before making the world. Someone might say but it is in the present tense ‘*all that the Father GIVETH me.*’ But then he speaks of the elect in the past tense—v39 *And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he HATH GIVEN me I should lose nothing...*

He speaks of all the elect who God chose by free and sovereign grace before making the world. All were chosen by God the Father. All were given to Christ in eternity.

There are so many spiritual blessings that God the Father blesses his people with in time: regeneration, revelation, sanctification, faith, repentance, adoption, redemption, forgiveness, acceptance, resurrection, eternal inheritance to name a few. But God the Father blessed us with all those spiritual blessings long before his child is ever made conscious of them

Ephesians 1: 3: Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,...

2 Timothy 1:9: Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Our Lord is declaring the Father’s love in choosing a people freely by his grace and trusting them to his Son to save. This was the Father’s will which Christ came to accomplish and did accomplish.

John 6: 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

God the Father brought forth an innumerable company of elect children in eternity and gave them to Christ. For the elect, Christ entered covenant to redeem them by his precious blood. God the Father set up his Son, the Firstborn, his first Elect, and gave him a chosen people. JEHOVAH, in infinite wisdom, ordered his people's glorification by a covenant with his Son from eternity—*the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world*. Thereby the Father secured their redemption, pardon, justification, regeneration, acceptance, and eternal preservation. So Christ came down from heaven to do the Father's will. It means before the Son of God came down from heaven, Christ had a people he came to save according to the Father's will.

John 6: 39: And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

In Christ's high priestly prayer on the behalf of his elect brethren, he said to the Father, "Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me." So JEHOVAH'S sons and daughters are his by God the Father's sovereign electing grace. And God the Father gave them to the Son to save.

What did his elect do to be chosen? Nothing. God's election is free. God's reason for choosing who he will is not because of any good thing in the object of mercy. He chose his people freely. Christ said, "Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight..." That is reason enough when you know you are a sinner with nothing about you that would make God chose you

Romans 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

God's election is not only sovereign, not only free, it is irreversible. He is of one mind and who can turn him?

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

Some say we should not preach the truth of election to sinners until they are mature in the faith. Christ preached it right here to lost sinners. "But you see they walked away!" They did not walk away because he preached election, they walked away because they were not his elect. We know that because...

EFFICACIOUS GRACE—*SHALL COME TO ME*

Christ says all that the Father elected and gave to me to save *shall come to me*. This phrase includes the whole of time beginning to end. Each one the Father gave to Christ shall come to Christ by God's efficacious, irresistible grace, that is, by God drawing each one to Christ.

John 6: 44: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:
45: It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Romans 8: 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30: Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Every elect child is saved by coming to Christ, believing on Christ, trusting Christ—that is what is meant by coming to Christ. And each one comes by the effectual grace of God drawing them to him. The same as election is of his grace, this call, this drawing, is of his grace.

What about man's free will? Martin Luther said, "Free-will is the name for nothing." Sinners are under bondage to our sin-nature until God creates in us a new-nature and gives us a new will. Those who come to Christ—those who believe on Christ, rest in Christ—do so as the result of the working of the grace of God giving us a new heart and a new will.

Christ said, "You must be born again of the Spirit of God or you cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

John 1: 12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

God must send the word into the heart—the sharp two-edged sword. It discerns—to the sinner—the thoughts and intents of his own heart. The gospel spoken effectually into the heart makes him see he is a sinner to the core. It gives him discernment to behold that every thought of his heart is sin. The word gives discernment so that man beholds that his sin-nature and sinful will is full of malice and guile.

But the same word makes him behold Christ crucified—the Righteousness of God—the one God sent to reconcile his elect unto himself. He beholds himself a wretched sinner and beholds Christ a glorious Savior. He finds himself crying out to God in faith and repentance asking mercy. If you ask such a sinner—he will confess that it is God's efficacious, irresistible call that made him behold Christ crucified, the Son of God, the Way, the Truth and the Life, that made him willing to come to Christ

This is good news to anyone who tries to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. We could preach till our tongues fall out but not one sinner will be made willing unless it be by the power of God giving him a new heart and a new will and drawing him to Christ in God-given faith. But we have this assurance—"*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me...*" Therefore in preaching we draw the bow and shoot at a venture. It is God who makes the arrow find its mark.

PRESERVING, GLORIFYING GRACE—AND HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NOW WISE CAST OUT

This truth reaches throughout time, from the moment a sinner is drawn to Christ, all the way to eternity. Those drawn to Christ by the Father in saving faith shall be kept by Christ until he brings each of his own to glory.

Some ask, "Do you believe once saved always saved?" It depends on who does the saving. If man had a part in it then he never was saved. If God did all the saving then once saved always saved. Christ said, "*all the Father giveth to me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in now wise cast out.*" This word is certain because it is the Father's will which is one with Christ's will which Christ came to accomplish.

John 6: 39: And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40: And this

is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

This is the believer's everlasting security—"him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Christ shall preserve each one who comes to him in faith and keep us and *in no wise cast him out*. It is the Father's will that Christ raise each one at the last day and Christ shall not fail!

Scripture declares those God gives faith shall persevere in faith unto the end. The reason is because Christ preserves us in faith unto the end. He will in no wise cast us out. The glory is Christ's.

Christ will never cast us out of his affections. His love is everlasting love. Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Christ shall never cast us out of his arms—Deuteronomy 33:27: The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms:

Christ shall never cast us out of his hand or let anyone do so—John 10:28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

He shall never cast us out of his family. Christ is God the Father's only begotten Son, the last Adam, the everlasting Father of each one he saves. God predestinated us to be conformed to the image of his Son that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Therefore, Christ shall never cast us out of his family.

Christ shall never cast us out of his church. His church is those the Father gave him, who he redeemed, who he brings to believe on him, who he never casts out. He is the Head and the church is his body the fulness of him. Each one is a member of his body in particular. Not a bone of his body shall be broken or severed.

All this is true because Christ is our Righteousness. He shall never cast us out of a state of justification and salvation—Romans 5: 8: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9: Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10: For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Therefore, by his electing grace, by his justifying grace, by his effectual call, by his preserving grace, not one shall desire to depart from him—Jeremiah 32: 39: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: 40: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

How do I know if the Father gave me to him—*come to him, believe on him*. How do I know he will receive me—*come to him, believe on him*. How do I know he will never cast me out—*keep coming to him, believing on him unto the end*. This is Christ's sure word, "*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*"

Amen!