

“The Bread of Life”

John #16

John 6:26-40

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Scripture Reading: John 6:26-40

Prayer

Introduction

Big Idea: Jesus, the bread of life, satisfies us by his beautiful and irresistible grace.

I. Satisfying Grace | vs. 26-27

- God gives us good things | Psalm 103:2-5, 1 Timothy 6:17
- What gifts has God given to us to enjoy but not seek ultimate satisfaction in?

II. Beautiful Grace | vs. 28-34

- Default posture of the human heart is works righteousness
- Old Testament and New, right standing with God has always been about grace

III. Irresistible Grace | vs. 35-40

- Jesus invites widely | “whoever comes won’t ever hunger or thirst!”

The Difficult Paradox | vs. 37

- Determinism vs. Free Will
- God’s grace enables us to obey his call come to him | Deuteronomy 7:6-8, John 15:16
- John Calvin — Human will does not by liberty obtain grace, but by grace obtains liberty.
- Justin Holcomb — Left to our own abilities, we don’t cooperate with grace or even seek God. We choose ourselves over God every time. We are unable to seek God because we’re spiritually dead. Just as Lazarus couldn’t raise himself from the dead, we can’t raise ourselves from spiritual death. We also need Jesus to say, “Lazarus, come out.”
...all of this is grace that we don’t deserve.
- God’s grace keeps us to the very end

Conclusion

Spurgeon — He who delights in the possession of the Lord Jesus has all that heart can wish. As for 'created things', they are like shallow and deceitful brooks—they fail to supply our needs, much less our wishes...But in Jesus there is room for imagination's utmost stretch and widest range. When Jesus is enjoyed, He puts a fullness into all other mercies. The creature without Christ is an empty thing, a lamp without oil, a bone without marrow. But when Christ is present our cup runs over, and we eat bread to the full.