

John 6:41-47

Verse 41-43

- After hearing the words of Jesus and how He claimed He is the Bread of Life (John 6:31-35) that came down out of Heaven, the Jews begin grumbling.
- They knew that by Jesus claiming that He came down from Heaven, He was claiming deity.
- They could not believe or understand that Jesus could come down from Heaven because they knew Him and who His parents were. They saw Him as a human with earthly parents. He was truly God and truly man in the incarnation via the hypostatic union. His virgin birth was supernatural.
- For Jesus to come down from Heaven meant that God was His Father as He had claimed in John 5:17 which angered those listening to Him to the point of wanting to kill Jesus as they accused Him of blasphemy (John 5:18) for making Himself equal with God.
- Jesus coming down from Heaven speaks of His pre-existence (John 1:1) and Him being the Son on Man (Daniel 7:13-14) (John 3:13).
- Jesus tells them to stop grumbling among themselves.

Verse 44

- This verse speaks to the sovereignty of God in salvation
- This verse also shows a human's absolute inability to come to Him without God
- No one can come to Jesus UNLESS the Father who sent Him draws him.
- The drawing of the Father is a Divine act
- To the Arminian God "drawing" is an attempt to make someone come to Him but is unsuccessful so often and cannot accomplish what He desires. In the reformed view God drawing is a sovereign divine act that God that accomplishes what He desires.
- The drawing of the Father to His elect is personal.
- All that the Father draws are raised up on the Last Day
- If God draws everyone the same, then everyone is in Heaven which is universalism.

Verse 45

- This verse is vital in understanding how the Father draws
- Jesus is referencing Isaiah 54:13
- All that come to Him are those been taught by God, heard from God, and learned from God which is how they have been drawn by God. The teaching, hearing, and learning from God are from God. This is how He sovereignly works upon His elect to draw them to the Son.
 - John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
 - John 8:42-44 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but ^[1]He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand ^[m]what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word. ⁴⁴You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks ^[n]a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of ^[o]lies.

- ALL that are taught, heard, and learned from the Father will come. This is not general revelation, but rather specific, salvific, and divine revelation to those who the Father has given to the Son.
- Universalism of reformed? All that hear from God, have learned from God, and have been taught by God come to Him as this is how the Father draws. God's grace and mercy are shown upon the elect by teaching them and allowing them to hear His voice which He does not do to everyone. This is a specific group because if it were applied to everyone who hears the gospel and are taught/hear from God in that way then every would come and this would lead to universalism. The communication of the Father is effective. There is no one that the Father has revealed this knowledge to that does not come to Christ.

Verse 46

God is invisible and no one has ever seen God. However, the Logos, the only begotten of God became flesh and exegesato (explained)Him. He is sent from God as One who has the Father's seal set upon Him. To be sent by God shows pre-existence and deity as well as fellowship with the Father and the Holy Spirit before the world was.

- **John 1:18** No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

Verse 47

- This verse begins with truly, truly which shows that the words that follow are of importance.
- Whoever believes in Jesus, the Son of Man, the One sent from Heaven, the Bread of Life will have eternal life.
 - **John 6:33** For the bread of God is ^[a]that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."
 - **John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.
 - **Acts 13:48** When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many had been appointed to eternal life believed.
- Eternal life is exclusively in Christ.

God has shown sovereign omnipotence, sovereign love, sovereign grace, and sovereign mercy upon those who He draws as no one can come to Christ without the drawing of the Father! Those who the Father draws are the same people who He chose and gave to the Son in eternity past in election and predestination. Our salvation and redemption is intimate and personal as the Father has set His love and affection on His elect, gave His elect to the Son, and then draws them to His Son! We have a seal upon us by way of the Holy Spirit guaranteeing our inheritance and being raised up on the last day. What started in eternity past with our election will be complete in eternity future in our glorification which speaks to the chain that doesn't ever rust, doesn't ever have a weak link, or will ever break: the golden chain of redemption (**Romans 8:29-30**).

- **Romans 8:29-30** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.