

Jesus Gives You Security Now and in the Future

Introduction: As people we always want something. And we're not gonna stop until we are satisfaction. That's why the Rolling Stone made a song, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" because they were dissatisfied with the world they lived in.

Back before the quarantine, when I was at work the most common question people asked in the morning was when am I going to get for lunch? That's probably what you are thinking right now as well seeing that our service always overlaps until lunch time! I'm probably making you hungry, wanting food as we speak! My wife and I's favorite outside food recently is Wingstop and on a given day once we want Wingstop we're getting Wingstop! That's how powerful human desire can be!

Well last week my wife and I wanted kare kare and we were not stopping until we were satisfied! It started when my wife wanted me to cook chicken curry. I made a chicken curry that was modeled after the Vietnamese style made with coconut milk. But I felt like we should just make kare kare instead it will be even tastier. (tell story getting ingredients, buying mix at Lotte, Maybelle wanted to get bagoong, my doubts, Maybelle cooks it, food stinks, food does not taste good, we decided not to put bagoong in the kare kare next time, misery after). And I started to doubt will I ever eat good food again? I doubted if I would ever be satisfied by something yummy ever again. And as Christians we often have doubts as well daily. The most common doubt we ask ourselves is "am I still saved"? My topic assigned to me specifically was Jesus Gives You Security Now And In The Future. And that's what we will see in the passage today: 3 points about eternal life being secured now and in the future.

Transition: The first thing we learn is that eternal life is never ending. Look at v.35.

1. Eternal life is never ending (v.35)

v.35- **Jesus said to them I am the bread of life**- The context of this passage is as follows (look at John 6:25-34 skim along): Jesus fed thousands by multiplying the bread and fish. The huge crowds of thousands started to look for Jesus the next day for more food (v.26). Jesus then confronts them that they were not seeking Jesus for eternal life but merely food. They thought that Jesus was a walking Jollibee (v.29)! Jesus tells them to believe in him yet the crowd asks for a sign so that they would believe in him

Now think about it. Jesus made a blind man see, cured lepers, and just yesterday fed thousands of people with only a handful of fish and bread. The audacity for them to ask Jesus for another sign

so they would believe in him was incredible. At this point it was obvious of how hard the people's hearts were.

(v.30) The reason why the crowd ask Jesus for a sign is because Moses gave the Israelites manna from heaven. So if Moses gave Israel a sign then Jesus should too. (v.32-33) But Jesus responded by saying that the true source of the manna, the bread, came from the Father not Moses and that the true bread from heaven is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Jesus was saying that the bread from heaven, the manna that fed the Israelites was not the true bread because it perished. The true bread from heaven lasts forever.

(v.34) The crowd then asks Jesus to always give them this bread. The problem here is that the crowd was still thinking of physical earthly bread. They were more concerned of filling their bellies than filling their starving dying souls with eternal life.

This is when Jesus replies, "*I am the bread of life*. A declaration that Jesus is the food, the source of not food that perishes every day, but the food, the source of eternal life. He is the bread of life.

Bread of life – referring to Jesus not as physical bread but as a metaphor that he is the bread of eternal life.

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst – Next Jesus explains that those who come to him and those believes in him shall not hunger and never thirst referring not merely to physical and hunger and thirst as he just called himself the bread of life. This is also a metaphor for eternal life. This is mentioned again in Revelation 7:16,

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat. ¹

Application: This is why eternal life is inherently secure because it comes from God. Because God is **eternal**, his gift of eternal life never ends. It is not like your car that runs out of gas after a week and a half. It's not like wings from Wingstop that are gone within 30 seconds. No when God gives you eternal life it never ends. It doesn't run out after a year or two. Once you have it, you have it forever. Be encouraged that your eternal life lasts forever!

TRANSITION: But how does the crowd respond? We see this in v.36.

Gospel Presentation (v.36)

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Re 7:16). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

v.36- **But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.** This is the response of the crowd. That even though they've seen Jesus the Son of God and the works he has done, they still don't believe in him.

Illustration: Many of us have seen scenes on the internet of a college class room with an atheist professor telling his students that God doesn't exist and that if God exists, God will stop the pencil he is about to drop from falling on the floor.

I always thought that if the pencil actually stayed afloat in midair that the professor would repent and become a Christian. But reading John 6 I'm confronted with the reality that seeing miracles won't necessarily lead to faith. In fact by the end of this chapter, most of the crowd abandons Jesus.

The reality is it is those who come to Jesus and believe in him that will never hunger and thirst. The professor who claims that he would believe if the pencil started floating midair is really just masking his unbelief with bold demands from God.

Look at Revelation 16:8-11,

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire.

9 They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish 11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds. 2

Before Christ returns, God will outpour wrath on unbelievers on the earth.

As you can see God made the sun burn with such a heat it scorched people. He even turned the kingdom of the antichrist into complete darkness. Such clear miracles and what do people do instead of repenting? They curse God.

A second thing I always believed is that big crowds at a Christian event = big revival. That's also false from what we see here. Again, thousands of people left Jesus at the end of this chapter, even the ones who saw him do miracles.

Application: There may be some people here attending Fil-Am Community Church who have seen the love of this church for the world and one another, who have seen God do great things in the lives of many people here, yet still do not believe. Some people go to church for years, their bodies are present but their hearts still haven't come to Jesus. If that is you, I urge you to come to

² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Re 16:8–11). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Jesus as the bread of life. Because without him you will starve and die. He is offering you eternal life by dying for you on the cross and all you have to do is accept his offer by believing in him.

TRANSITION: Now, let's look at the next point.

2. Eternal life is God's responsibility not yours

TRANSITION: We will see why in verses 37 and 38. Starting in verse 37 where it is the Father's responsibility to give believers to the Son.

v.37- **All that the Father gives me will come to me** - Jesus identifies those who believe in him in contrast to the huge crowds who saw his miracles and yet still did not believe in him. It is those who the Father gives him are the ones who will come to him. This explains why the majority of the crowd left Jesus in unbelief. It was not because they failed their responsibility to maintain their salvation with good works. It was because these were not the people whom the Father gave to Jesus to be saved.

TRANSITION: Next we see it is the Son's responsibility to keep those believers.

And whoever comes to me I will never cast out – Another aspect of eternal life being secured forever. Those who are given by the Father will come to Jesus and Jesus will never cast them out. This also means that since Jesus will never cast them out that Jesus will also always be keeping them in. We will see more of this in the verses to come. Again we see the responsibility of keeping believers saved all go to Jesus. Nothing here refers to the believer responsible for keeping their salvation.

TRANSITION: Finally, we see that only God can accomplish salvation. Look at v.38.

v.38- **For I have come down from heaven** – This verse starts with the preposition “for” meaning that the following statement from Jesus is the reason behind why he will never cast out those whom the Father has given him.

In addition, Jesus repeatedly states that he has come down from heaven. No mortal, priest, prophet, even Moses or Elijah himself ever claimed to have come down from heaven. In doing this Jesus is declaring his deity a common theme in John's gospel.

Not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me – The reason why salvation was accomplished is because Jesus as God was able to obey God perfectly. If Jesus failed to obey God even once, eternal life would not be possible. You think if Jesus refused to go to the cross that there would be salvation? If I was in Jesus' shoes I would have disobeyed God countless times. But because Jesus is God, he can obey God perfectly and therefore be the only one to accomplish salvation.

In Matthew 26:39 before Jesus was crucified he was in the garden of Gethsemane. It says,

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”³

Even though Jesus’ wanted to avoid God’s wrath, he wanted more to accomplish his Father’s will and accomplish salvation for believers.

Illustration: Have you ever been told at work to do something that’s not part of your duties? I’m sure you have especially if you’ve ever worked retail. For example maybe you’re just a cashier at Target and your manager couldn’t make it to work and someone asks you to take his duties. Make a schedule for the team, handle customer returns.. but you’re only 16 and you just started 2 weeks ago. You probably thinking, “that’s not my job”.

Application: That’s the same mentality you should have whenever you start to doubt if you’re still saved. We all sin every day, and for those of us who are believers we regret our sinful actions. We wonder, “how can God still love me?” We begin to think, “there is no way God wants me after what I’ve done.” Whenever you start to doubt your salvation, just say, “that’s not my job.” Because the truth of the matter is that it isn’t your job. It’s God’s job. It’s God job to save you not yours.

TRANSITION: The final point.

3. Eternal life now and forever is God’s will

v.39- **And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me,** - The will of the Father who sent Jesus to die for the sins of believers is that Jesus will not lose any single person that the Father has given him.

Jesus says later on in John 10:27-30

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”⁴

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Mt 26:39). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

⁴ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 10:27–30). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Notice that it is Jesus' sheep in particular whom Jesus knows and they follow him. Jesus is the one who gives them eternal life which also means they will never perish. And Jesus says no one will snatch them out of my hand. Nor is anyone able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. Because the Jesus and the Father are one.

But raise it up on the last day- Rather than perishing and going to hell, Jesus not only protects the salvation of his believers but also raises them up on the last day. Salvation is secure now and forever by Jesus.

Illustration: The Secret Service is arguably the best bodyguard protection in the world. They protect the president and in the over 113 years of guarding the president, only 1 out of 25 assassination attempts were successful. One of these attempts was on President Regan. As he was entering his limo, he was shot at, and immediately the secret service agent who was right next to him calmly focused on getting the president into the car and shielding the president's body with his own taking bullets in the process. That's incredible. If it was me I would have been running!

Application: How much more secure is it when God himself is protecting your salvation? When God himself is taking the bullets for your salvation which he did in the cross? Have hope that God himself protects your salvation!

TRANSITION: Let's move on to the next verse

v.40- **For this is the will of my father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.** – Jesus also gives reason to why he will raise up believers on the last day, because it is his father's will that everyone who looks on the son and believes in him has eternal life and that he will raise them up on the last day.

Isaiah 45:22 says,

“Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.”⁵

Both John and Isaiah say “turn” or look”. That is all God requires from you. No heroic effort. No scale outweighing your good deeds over the bad ones, just turn. Just look to him for salvation and you will be saved!

TRANSITION: Looking back at these verses we God's will brought up more than once.

In Ephesians 1:11-12 we learn a little something about God's will,

⁵ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Is 45:22). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,⁶ ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³⁷

Paul speaking about the inheritance, the gift of eternal life is a gift from God and that we have been predestined according to God's purposes. Then it says that God works all things according to the counsel of his will. This means that everything happens because God has willed it. If God doesn't will it, it will not happen. Knowing this we are to praise Christ's glory. Because we know that it is God's will to give us the inheritance of eternal life.

And we see back in John, that it is God's will that believers are kept by Jesus the moment they are saved and will be raised up on the last day.

Illustration: A frequently used phrase in Christian pop culture is, "Lord willing." We don't know if it's God's will if the Wizard's will ever win a championship again so we say, "Lord willing." Whenever there's ambiguity as to what God's will is we say that. And that's fine.

But there are somethings that the bible explicitly says it's God's will and that is: that your eternal life is secured now and forever. When it comes to your salvation it is 100% certain that it is God's will if you're a believer to be saved now and forever.

Conclusion: Yesterday Maybelle made kare kare again only this time without the bagoong. My doubts of eating yummy food melted away with each bite! Today, melt every doubt away of your salvation with every bite from bread of life: Jesus Christ.

⁶ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Eph 1:11). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

⁷ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Eph 1:12–13). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.