

Fellowship Baptist Church, July 24, 2016 P.M.

Scripture: John 6:39, 40

Message: "Assurance, for those who Believe"—John 6:39,40

INTRODUCTION: The key to assurance is found in two words, "believe" and "give". Believe occurs five times and give occurs four times. Lack of assurance comes because we are programmed to think in terms of works. Have I done enough? What must I do? The answer is in verse 28-29. All we do is believe. Eternal life is a gift all we do is receive it.

I. Throughout scripture salvation is a matter of faith not works.

A. The Philippian jailor's question in Acts 16:

1. Question: "What must I do to be saved?"

2. Answer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus!"—Acts 16:31

B. No man is justified by works—Rom. 3:26-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-10

C. The only work of salvation is faith—John 6:28-29

II. Throughout scripture salvation is referred to as a gift.

A. Christ gave His life for our salvation—v. 33; 51.

1. Christ is the Good Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep—John 10:11

2. Christ bore our sins on the cross—I Peter 2:24

3. Christ gave himself so we could be redeemed—Titus 2:14

B. The gift of salvation is received not earned.

1. Paul's explanation is Rom. 3

2. The examples Paul uses in Rom. 4.

a. Abraham—Rom. 4:1-5; 9-25

b. David—Rom. 4:5-8; Ps. 32.

III. Verses of assurance in John 6:32-51.

A. Salvation is a gift paid for and given by Christ—v. 33, 51

B. Those who believe will never thirst—v. 35.

C. Those who come to Christ will not be turned away—v. 37

D. It is God's will that all who believe will be raised from the dead—v. 39-40; 44.

E. Those who believe on Jesus have everlasting life—v. 40, 47, 50-51.

CONCLUSION: Look at verses 39-40.

It is God's will:

1. All who come to Jesus will not be lost.

2. All who come to Jesus will be raised from the dead.

3. All who believe on Jesus have everlasting life.