

## **“Jesus: the Bread of Life, part 2”**

*John 6:22-40*

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In John 6:22-40 Jesus begins a lengthy public dialogue with the large multitude He just fed. Up to this point, the masses were enthralled with His works—now He will challenge them with His words. His words are about the nature of true salvation that is received only on Jesus’ terms.

### **1. The Prospect of Salvation—for those who truly seek (6:22-26)**

*“the multitude...came...seeking Jesus” (6:24)*

*“you seek Me...because you ate of the loaves and were filled” (6:26)*

*“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters... come buy...without money and without cost... Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God. For He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:1, 6-7)*

*“There is none who seeks for God” (Romans 3:11)*

*“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (6:44)*

### **2. The Process of Salvation—by faith not works (6:27-31)**

*“Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give to you” (6:27)*

*“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent’ ” (6:29)*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

*“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5)*

### **3. The Provision of Salvation—only through Jesus (6:32-36)**

*“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (6:35)*

#### 4. The Prerogative in Salvation—the Father’s Will (6:37-40)

*“All that the Father gives to Me shall come to Me...this is the will of My Father” (6:37, 40)*

*“the Father chose us in Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:3-4)*

*“He predestined us to adoption as sons” (Ephesians 1:5)*

*“to those who...are chosen according to the forelove of God the Father” (1 Peter 1:1-2)*

*“For whom He <sup>1</sup>foreknew, He also <sup>2</sup>predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also <sup>3</sup>called; and whom He called, these He also <sup>4</sup>justified; and whom He justified, these He also <sup>5</sup>glorified” (Romans 8:29-30)*

*“And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the Word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed” (Acts 13:48)*

#### A biblical ordo salutis (order of salvation)—Romans 8:29-30:

- A. In ETERNITY PAST God...
  - 1. **foreknew** (set His love upon certain ones in eternity past)  
Then He...
  - 2. **pre-destined** (*pro*= ‘before’+ *horizo*= ‘mark out’ to mark out beforehand; to demarcate with a clear boundary; to formally identify and distinguish; God identified the elect in eternity past and designated them for salvation)
- B. In HISTORY, before you were saved, God...
  - 3. **called** (to draw, woo, convict—since you were born up to the point of conviction, God calls with His Word, the gospel and His Spirit)
- C. In HISTORY, at the moment of belief, God...
  - 4. **justified** (declared the sinner ‘not guilty!’ completely righteous; this is the moment of regeneration, salvation and being born again)
- D. In the FUTURE believers will be...
  - 5. **glorified** (saints will be perfected with glorified resurrection bodies matching their perfected souls; Paul states it in the past tense even though it has not happened yet because it is guaranteed—every person justified WILL BE glorified; you cannot lose your salvation!)