

Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY The Glory of the Bread of Life – Part 5

Introduction	
Everything Jesus taught destroyed the notions of human self-sufficiency, earthly prosperity and wealth.	
Text: John 6:60-71	_
Truly My Disciples	

The straightforward teaching of our Lord, particularly when He assailed their human freedom, was the turning point for many of the followers.

The words of Christ in our text make it clear that just because "many" were called "disciples", Jesus knew who really believed (v64). Genuine believers continue in the faith.

- Hebrews 3:14
- 1 John 3:9
- John 8:31

The Reaction of Jesus

- 1. He reminded us that apart from the Spirit creating life they will not believe. 1
- 2. It is the Word that gives faith. 2 (& Romans 10:17).
- 3. The Father must draw those whom he has given to Jesus and enable them to believe.³

We pray that God would remove their hearts of stone and give them a new heart (Ezekiel 11:19). We pray that God will circumcise their hearts and cut away the sin and death (Deuteronomy 30:6). We pray that God will grant them His Presence by His Spirit (Ezekiel 36:27). We pray that God will give them the gift of repentance (2 Timothy 2:24-26) and the gift of faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). We pray that God will open their hearts (Acts 16:14).

Alc	ne with the Twelve
"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we qo? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."" (John 6:68–69, ESV)	
<u>Ap</u> •	If the teachings of Jesus offend you? Where will you go? If the rigors of the Christian life disappoint you? Where will you go? If the radical call to discipleship doesn't appeal to you? Where will you go? If the love of God in Christ Jesus doesn't stir you, what will?

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¹ <u>The Holy Bible: English Standard Version</u>. (2016). (Jn 6:63). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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