

John 6:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Analysis

'And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.' Seeing and believing are connected—spiritual perception leading to faith. Everyone who truly sees Jesus for who He is and believes receives eternal life. The promise of resurrection ('I will raise him up') is Jesus' personal commitment. Four times in this chapter He promises to raise believers at the last day.

Historical Context

The emphasis on resurrection corrects spiritualizing tendencies. Eternal life includes bodily resurrection. Early church against Gnostic denial of bodily resurrection cited such texts. The repeated promise (verses 39, 40, 44, 54) emphasizes certainty.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What is the relationship between seeing and believing in coming to Christ?
2. Why does Jesus emphasize resurrection 'at the last day' four times in this discourse?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Romans 6:23 (Eternal Life): For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 6:54 (Resurrection): Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 5:24 (Faith): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 11:25 (Faith): Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 4:14 (Eternal Life): But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 12:45 (Parallel theme): And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

John 6:27 (Eternal Life): Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

John 1:14 (Parallel theme): And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 14:19 (Parallel theme): Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Luke 2:30 (Parallel theme): For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,