



John 6:60-71

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YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

Introduction:

I. THE CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DISSENSION (6:60-65)

A. Difficult Statements (vs. 60-61)

“many of His disciples”

“This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”

“conscious that His disciples grumbled”

“Does this cause you to stumble?”

B. Difficult Spirituality (vs. 62-63)

“What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?”

“it is the Spirit who gives life”

“the flesh profits nothing”

“the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life”

C. Difficult Supposition (vs. 64-65)

“there are some of you who do not believe”

“Jesus knew from the beginning who they were...and who would betray Him”

“no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father”

II. THE CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DESERTION (6:66-67)

• “as a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore”

• “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

III. THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL DEFECTION (6:68-71)

A. Recognizing the Sovereign (vs. 68)

“Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord...to whom shall we go?’”

“You have the words of eternal life.”

B. Recognizing the Source (vs. 69)

“we have believed...”

“...and have come to know”

“that You are the Holy One of God”

C. Recognizing the Spiritual Battle (vs. 70-71)

“Did I not choose you, the twelve?”

“...and yet one of you is a devil”

“He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for he...was going to betray Him”

Conclusion:

- 1) The Scriptures contain some hard truths to which we must submit, even if we don't understand them.
- 2) To submit to hard truth, you must be genuinely born again of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Submitting to hard truth often means going against our tradition, background, culture, and preconceived ideas.
- 4) Submitting to hard truth requires that we accept God as sovereign.

Food for Thought:

- 1) How does spiritual defection fit with eternal security? Can a Christian lose his salvation?
- 2) What are some of the hard truths of Scripture that run counter to our culture?
- 3) What sort of things tempt us to pull back or not trust the Lord fully?
- 4) How does God draw us to Himself?