Given by the Father

John 17:2, 6, 9, 24

Our salvation does not depend on the firmness of our promise to God. It depends on the firmness of God’s promise to His Son.

**The Father gave us to Christ—**

**1. Along with *all things*** (vv. 7-8, 10)

John 3:34-35; Colossians 1:15-20\*

**2. Before and within *time***

John 6:37, 39

**3. With wonderful *results***

A. We *received* the word (vv. 6, 8)

B. We *believed* in Christ (v. 8)

C. We will be *kept* in the faith (vv.11, 12, 15)

**Application:** This is a practical truth

A. To humble *our pride*

B. To explain *unbelief*

C. To evaluate *“free will”*

John 8:31-36

D. To encourage our *perseverance*

E. To give hope for our *loved ones*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Other passages on election/predestination

Matthew 11:25-27

Matthew 22:14

Acts 13:48

Romans 8:28-31

Romans 9:10-24

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Ephesians 1:3-6

2 Thessalonians 2:13

Revelation 17:8

3. Why do some Christians object to the doctrine of election? On what fundamental mistakes do their objections rest? Why ought we to cherish this wonderful doctrine?

\*Note this indirect reference to the deity of Christ.

*All things have been created through Him and for* (Greek, εἰς) *Him* [Christ] (Colossians 1:16).

*For from Him and through Him and to* (Greek, εἰς) *Him* [God] *are all things* (Romans 11:36).