The Golden Chain of Redemption

The manna God gave to Israel was in every way inferior to the true bread from heaven, which is Jesus Christ. We must eat Him if we want to live forever. Our eating of Christ by faith is the work we must do to complete our link in the golden chain of redemption. This chain stretches from eternity past to the consummation of all things at the coming of Christ. What are the links of this golden chain by which God draws us up to Himself?

**1. God gave certain people to His Son** (37, 39)

*Election*

**2. The Son came down to take on flesh** (33, 38, 50-51)

*Incarnation*

**3. The Son gave His flesh for the world** (51)

*Substitutionary atonement*

**4. The Father draws the elect to Christ** (44-45)

*Effectual calling*

**5. The elect believe in Christ** (29, 35-37, 40)

*Justification by faith alone*

**6. Jesus keeps His own forever** (37, 39)

*The perseverance of the saints*

**7. Jesus raises the elect on the last day** (39-40, 44)

*Glorification***Uses of these doctrines**

1. To *confound* the critical (41-43, 60-62, 66)

2. To *humble* the haughty

3. To *fortify* the fearful

Those fearful of *coming* to Christ (35, 37, 51)

Those fearful of *clinging* to Christ (39)

**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. Which links in the golden chain of redemption do you see in Romans 5:1-2; 8:28-28?

3. The Father’s gift of a people to Christ for Him to save is an important teaching in the gospel of John. See 6:37, 39; 17:2, 6, 9, 24. The elect are part of the “all things” that the Father gives to the Son (3:35).

What do you learn about the relationship of the Father to the Son from these verses?

If you are a believer, how important is it to you to be a love-gift from the Father to the Son and that the Son out of love for the Father obediently went to the cross to save you (14:31)?