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SEEKING AND COMING

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” (John 6:37)

The Greek participle translated in our Bibles by the words “whoever comes to me” (John 6:37, emphasis added) could be translated “whoever is coming” or “whoever is in process of coming to me.” The promise is that such a one will not be cast out.

There were some in the crowd listening to Jesus speak those words, and there are many more in our churches today, who were and are seeking Christ. They are coming to church, reading the word, praying, trying to get the doctrines of grace clear – and finding it hard to do. **Somehow things are not coming clear for them in the way they are for others.** They think it marvelous to see others being converted suddenly and dramatically, like a cork being pulled out of a bottle, but it makes them frightened about their own situation. **They ask, “Is there no mercy for me? Am I too late because I’m so slow?”**

No! This is the precious truth this participle is teaching. Jesus says, “However difficult the journey to the foot of my cross, I will wait for you. And I shall go on helping you and will receive you when you do come.” You can miss a plane by being too late at the terminal. You will not miss Jesus Christ by coming slowly, if you are seeking him with all your heart and in all your slowness are coming as fast as you can.

To seekers, then, I offer this word of encouragement: Go on seeking. As you seek, you will find the Lord waiting for you. May the Lord Christ draw us all to his feet, bring us all into the knowledge of the richness of his love, and lead us all into that joy of assurance which is every Christian’s birthright. AMEN.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

