

HAVE YOU BEEN DRAWN?

When some preachers or believers of false doctrine are reminded that Jesus said, “No man can **come** to me, except the Father which hath sent me **draw** him: and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:44), they have visions of direct or supernatural operations. The words Jesus used will often stir up fervid or perfervid imaginations in the minds of many religionists. They are quick to jump at conclusions completely contrary to the teaching of Jesus on divine influence. Emotional excess is a trap into which many fall and many more jump. Someone said long ago “a text taken out of context is a pretext”. Those who will not let the Bible interpret itself are due to awake judgment day to the sad refrain “I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.” (Matt. 7:23)

Jesus said in the following verse “It is **written** in the prophets, and they shall be all **taught** of God. Every man therefore that hath **heard**, and hath **learned** of the Father **cometh** unto me.” (John 6:45) One needs to come to Jesus. How can he come to Jesus? Why, he must be **drawn**! How can he be **drawn**? Why, the Father must **draw** him! How does the Father **draw** him? The Father **draws** through the teaching of His Word. When one learns the Word of God, he has received that which is the power of God to save. (Rom. 1:16) He learns it because he has heard it. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom. 10:17) The Word of the Father reveals the divine method of our justification. It is by faith. (Rom. 5:1) The faith which saves is a faith which works by love. (Gal. 5:6) This knowledge does not come to us by some super-natural planting in the mind, or some emotional experience which must be understood to have a divine origin, and which may be understood “differently” by different seekers of Jesus. Brother Paul that “... it pleased God by the foolishness of

preaching (message preached) to save them that believe.”
(1 Cor. 1:21)

If the sinner wants to be saved, he can be saved. That which is written contains sufficient motivation to **draw** to Christ and salvation. However, God will not force anyone to go to heaven. He wants us to go there, but He will not use His omnipotence to tear anyone away from his sinful idols. Man can travel the broad or narrow way as he wills. Anyone who reads, believes, and obeys the Word of God is **drawn** by the Father to Jesus, the Savior. **Dear friend, have you been drawn?**

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