

The Drawing Power of Jesus Christ.

John 12:32 “*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*”

Let me explain once again the error of the King James translators, all words in their version that are in italics were added by them. In only a few additions were they proper to use added words to help our understanding. In the original translation it verses reads “*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I (was left out) will draw all unto me*”. If Jesus Christ drew ALL men to Him, then all men would come. If God called all men to Christ all would come, if the Holy Spirit convicted all men, then all would come, but they do not. God said in **Romans 8:14** “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Not every man but as many as are led. So, with this being said, we want to focus on the true drawing power of Jesus Christ.

A. Here God’s focus for us is the Son of God.

1. John wrote these words about the Son of man. **John 5:19** “*Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*” – Here we see the Son of man or the seed of the woman. The Son of God cannot separate Himself or who He is as the second part of the Trinity.
2. Here The scriptures focus is on the power of the Cross and the power of God. Not the power of the Son of man.
3. The cross nor Son of man nor the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to draw men unto Christ. Jesus said to the eleven disciples after His resurrection, **Matthew 28:18** “*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*” – The fact that anything was (given) to Christ separates the Son of man from God. Jesus Christ was the seed of a woman, born of a woman, born in the likeness of sinful flesh, incarnate or embodied with the Son of God. The Son of God is God and God cannot change, this is the necessity of the Son of man.
4. The only drawing power is God’s power, thru the Holy Spirit.

B. The Son of man has no attraction nor drawing power.

1. People do not come to God, neither do they come to Christ. God must “draw” them.

- a. This is why Paul wrote in Romans 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God...” (1.) there is a limit, “For as many” and (2.) all are led by the Holy Spirit. “are led by the Spirit” and (3.) they all come, “...**are** the sons of God.”
 - b. If the Holy Spirit does not call, quicken, and convict then no one is saved.
 - c. People do not on their own come to Christ, He is rejected by all mankind as the Messiah and Saviour.
2. Jesus said in **John 6:44** “*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.*”
 - a. The wisest man to ever live said, **John 15:5** “*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*” That is only thru the power of God can we accomplish anything even coming to Christ.
 - b. We cannot give any increase, in other words, we cannot cause any person to change from flesh. All we can do is to send out the word.
 3. People do not flock to Christ because they were not “called or drawn” by the Holy Spirit. People by nature are at enmity with God and Jesus. **Romans 8:7 - 8** “*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*” – the word “enmity” means hate -
 - a. **James 4:4** “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*” I believe here that the word “enmity” means opposition because a Christian would never hate God.
 - b. God put this thought two ways in **Matthew 6:24** “*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*” Here God uses the words “hate” but also uses the word “despise”. The word hate means – to be loveless against something - and the word despise means - to think against, that is, disesteem – no believer could ever be “loveless toward God” but can think against God or even disesteem Him. Disesteem meaning to dishonor God.

C. What God means by the word “draw”.

1. When Jesus said in **John 6:44** “*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.*” – The word draw means to drag, but it does not mean against our will. This dragging is a gracious loving call to come given by the Holy Spirit. Look at **John 6:65** “*And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.*” What is given to us, the will and the call to come by the Holy Spirit with the power of the Holy Spirit to come.
 2. God said, “*No man can come to me...*” meaning no man will, “*...except it were given unto him of my Father.*” That is the power of God thru the Holy Spirit. No man will come unless the Holy Spirit empowers them to come.
 3. So, can all men come? No! There must be a drawing and that drawing has a “limit”. John 6:37 “*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*”
 4. How do we know some will never come, because of this election or giving us to Christ. **John 6:64** “*But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.*”
 5. Listen to Jesus, **John 10:26 - 27** “*But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*”
 - a. His sheep are the elect of God. **John 17:2** “*As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*”
 - b. **John 10:29** “*My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*”
 6. This drawing is an act of graciousness of God’s part, it is not a force but a willingness by Him. **Philippians 2:13** “*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*”
- D. The depraved sinner cannot in his own strength come to Christ.
1. People who are not saved are “totally depraved” meaning – As fleshly people we were separated from God, Adam and Eve hid themselves from God. Remember God said, Genesis 3:15 “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed...*” All mankind are all born of the seed of Satan, he has them

- blinded, they are born hating God, and do not want Him nor want to retain Him in the knowledge. Therefore, no lost person will come to Christ at will.
2. Jesus said, John 12:32 *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all (men -is added) unto me.”* The word “draw” means – to drag – it comes from a Greek word that means – to take for oneself. It means Jesus will pull us to Him by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 3. People did not and do not just chose to come to Christ, when people are called they come, example, **Matthew 4:18 - 20** *“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. (19) And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. (20) And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.”*
 - a. Jesus called, they did not choose to come, they were drawn by Jesus.
 - b. There is no evidence they even knew Jesus.
 - c. They were the only two to go, **Matthew 4:22** *“And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.”*
 4. Man’s free will is bounded and limited to sin, to hate God, and to seek only selfishness. It only goes one way, down the hill of sinfulness. God said we cannot change.
 5. **John 6:44 - 45** *“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. (45) 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.**”* They come because they are called, and God calls, not because of a free will of choosing.
- E. The grace of God is irresistible.
1. Not because it drags men to Christ against their will, but because it changes man’s heart so that he comes most freely, for he is made willing by grace. **Philippians 2:13** *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*
 2. The Christian religious world is full of people who put themselves between God and their salvation. They believe:
 - a. Salvation is their choice.
 - b. Salvation is of their works.

- c. God cannot change them unless their willing.
3. They believe that God has provided salvation for everyone to access at their choosing.
 4. However, they believe man's response is the determining factor because he is free to accept or reject God's offer of grace.
 5. Therefore, their belief is that it is man's will that plays a decisive role, their quote is "*God cannot change your will*".
 6. The truth is the salvation of God is accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 8:14 "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*"
 7. The Truth is The Father chose a people; the Son died for them; and the Holy calls, draws them, and quickens their dead spirit. **Ephesians 2:4 - 5** "*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*"
 8. Therefore it is God, not man, determines who will be the recipients of the gift of salvation.