

Sermon: Election and Effectual Calling
Scripture: John 6:26-71

Introduction: Context and Review

- I. Those who believe in Christ are given to Christ, and those who don't believe are not given to Christ (vs. 35-37, 47, 64, 65).
- II. Those who believe do so because of the action of the Holy Spirit (vs. 63; 3:6-8).
 - A. The general/external call of the gospel (vs. 29, 40, 47, 54).
 - B. The special/internal call of the gospel (vs. 44, 45; John 3:6-7; Acts 16:14).
 - C. The believer's experience of the special/internal call of the gospel (vs. 35, 37, 63, 64; Deut. 30:6; Eze. 36:26,27; Eph. 2:4,5; I Thess. 1:4,5).
- III. The Holy Spirit acts on the basis of the Father's choice of some (vs. 37,44,45,64,65; II Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:4,5; Rom. 9:11-13,16; I Cor. 3:6,7; Acts 13:48; Rom. 8:30; Eph. 1:11).
- IV. The Holy Spirit is always successful or effective in those of God's choice (vs. 39; Acts 9:1-4; Is. 55:11).
- V. Questions and Answers:
 - A. "But doesn't this discourage people from seeking the Lord?" (vs. 27,29)
 - B. "But doesn't this mean God shows favoritism in choosing some and not others?" (vs. 44)
 - C. "But doesn't this mean we can't offer the gospel sincerely to others?" (vs. 29,35,54)
 - D. "But what about passages of Scripture that offer the gospel to all?" (vs. 33,40)
 - E. "But won't one always be in doubt about assurance of salvation wondering if he/she has been given to Christ or not?" (vs. 37,44,54)
- VI. Additional Application:
 - A. Don't be ashamed of your teacher and His teaching (vs. 66).
 - B. Let all those given to Christ, believing upon Him, be thankful.
 - C. As Christ did, let us be pointing others to Him.
 - D. Let us live as those who belong to Christ – sincere dedication to Him.