

# PROPOSITION

“The Scriptures teach that those who obey the gospel of their own freewill, and only those, become the elect of God.”



DENY: JOEL ELLIS



AFFIRM: BRUCE REEVES

# WHAT DID WE HEAR?

## EQUIVOCATION

### ELECTION

Conditional **AND** Unconditional

### SALVATION

Temporarily in Christ **AND** Eternal Life

### IN CHRIST

Temporarily Elect **AND** Eternally Elect

# MISREPRESENTATIONS



Mr Ellis asserted that I believe ...

- Works as the basis of salvation.
- God only chose a plan, not people.

# THINGS NOT IN JOHN 6!

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**Inherent Inability To Choose Saving Faith**



**An Irresistible and Direct Change of the Human Heart**



**Irresistible Gift of Faith For the Unconditionally Elected**



**New Birth Precedes Faith**

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**GOD** gives those who believe to His Son



**GOD** draws men to His Son by teaching them



**GOD** grants the privilege of coming to Christ if they believe



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**God Has Made Provision In Christ**



**God Provided His Testimony –**  
(Scripture & confirmation)



**God Has Provided The ONLY Means**



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# DRAWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD

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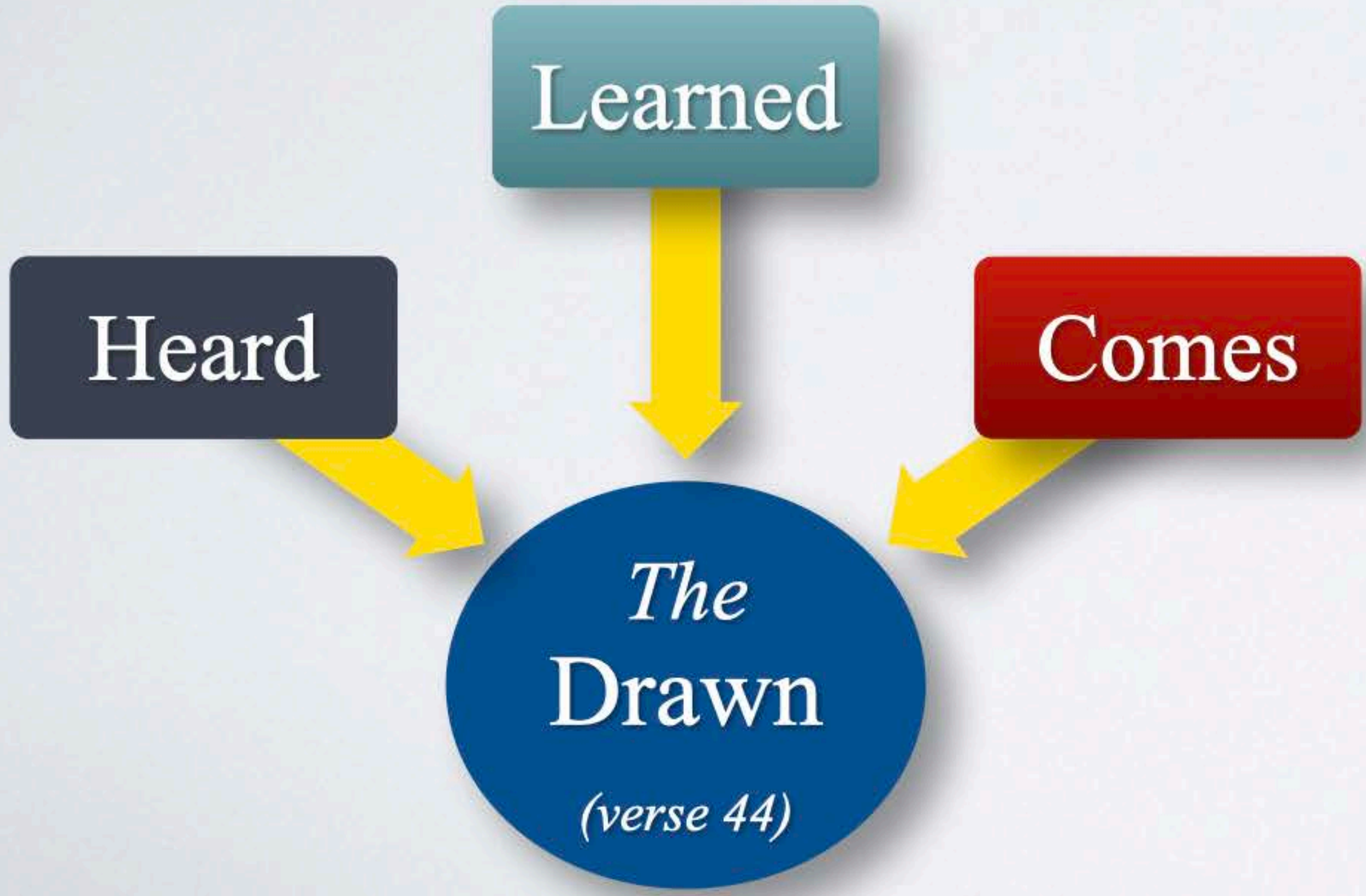
## 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' (Isaiah 54:13)

- ★ The Father uses the means of **TEACHING** to draw men to **JESUS** (Vs. 45; cf. 5:33-47; 20:31).
- ★ The Father is the **SOURCE** of the teaching (the means of drawing).
- ★ Those who believe the Father receive the Son.

# DRAWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Not everyone will HEAR & LEARN thus they CANNOT come

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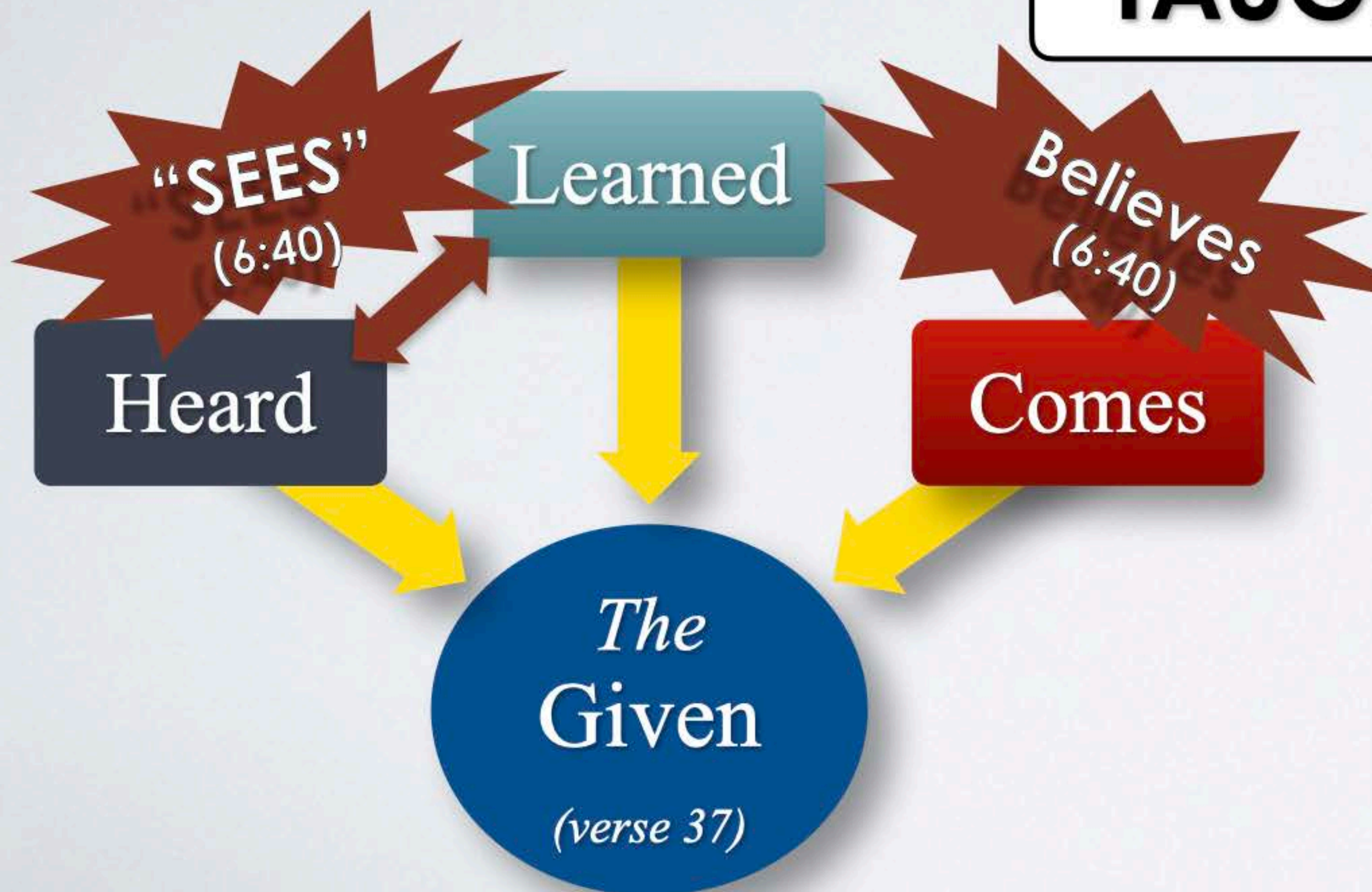
Isaiah 54:13 (NKJV)  
<sup>13</sup> All your children *shall be* taught by the LORD, And great *shall be* the peace of your children.

Romans 10:14-17

# DRAWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD

John 10:25-29

**'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.'** (John 6:45)



John 5:34; 6:63,68 (NKJV)

... I have said these things that you may be saved.

6:63 ... The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

6:68 ... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

# DRAWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD

John 6:37

All that the Father  
**gives** Me will come  
to Me

John 6:44

No one can come unless  
the Father **draws** Him

John 6:65

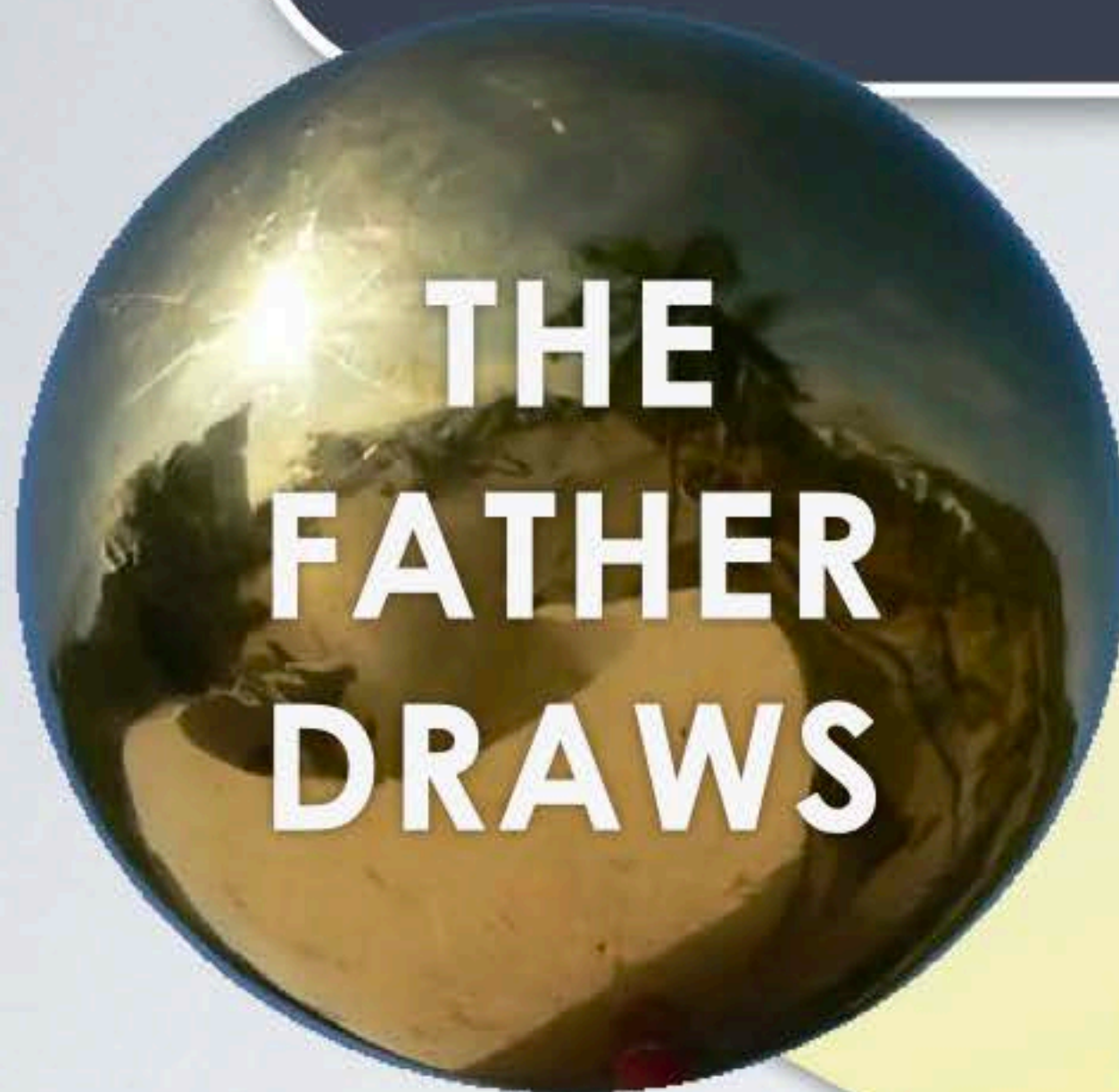
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Father

## John 6:45 (NASB95)

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**THEY CANNOT BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT**

# DRAWING POWER OF GOD'S WORD



**THE  
FATHER  
DRAWS**

**Testimony Of  
Scripture &  
Works of Jesus**

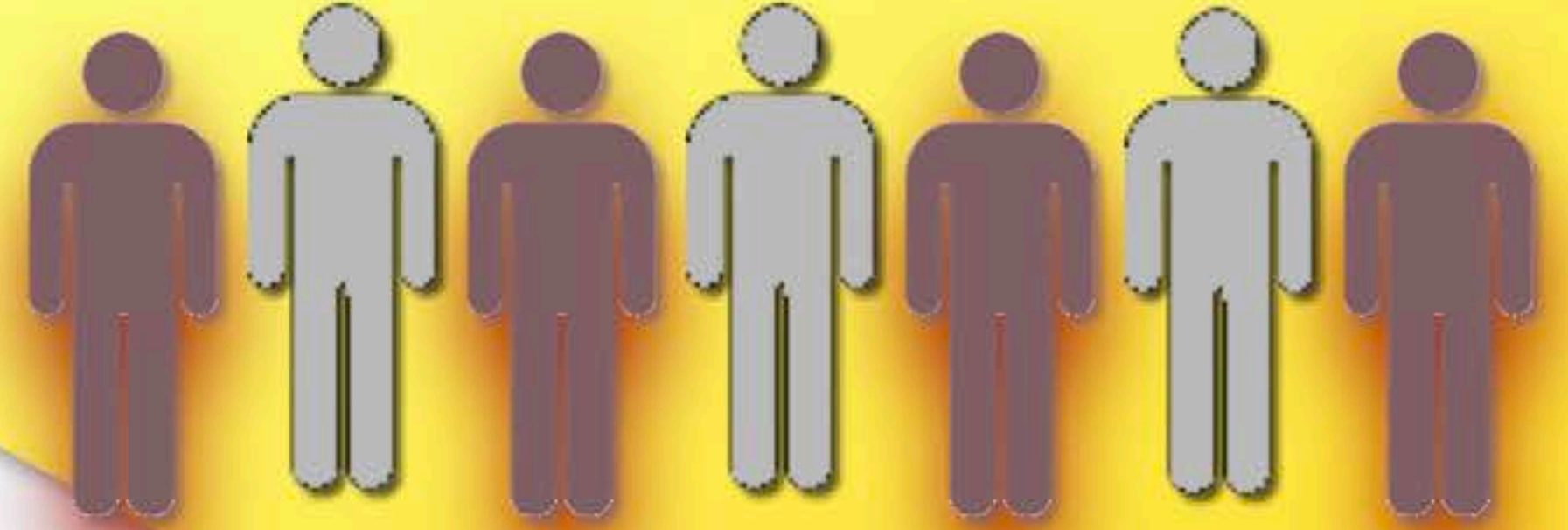
**John 5:34 (NKJV)**

34 . . . but I say these things that you may be saved.

**Does not appeal to the class of people who refuse to listen to God's testimony!  
Matthew 13:3-30**

Ephesians 1; Romans 9-11

Appeals to the class of people who will receive the testimony of the Father - Matthew 13:3-30



# “NO ONE CAN COME TO ME”

## Who Rejects The Testimony Of The Father – John 6

<sup>34</sup> . . . but I say these things so that you may be saved. John 5:34 (NASB95)



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<sup>34</sup> “But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

# “NO ONE CAN COME TO ME ...”

- ▶ Who rejects John (5:31-35)
- ▶ Who rejects the works which fulfilled the prophetic Scripture (5:36)
- ▶ Who does not have God’s word abiding in his heart (5:37,38)
- ▶ Who rejects the testimony of Scripture (5:39,40)
- ▶ Who does not respect the Father’s authority (43,44)
- ▶ Who does not believe Moses’s writings (5:45-47)

## Who Rejects The Testimony Of The Father – John 5

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# “NO ONE CAN COME TO ME ...”



- ▶ Who reject the miraculous confirmation of the Christ (6:1-31)
- ▶ Who reject God’s provision for their souls (6:31-42)
- ▶ Who reject the teaching of the Father (6:43-60)
- ▶ Who reject the “words of eternal life” (6:61-71)

## Who Rejects The Testimony Of The Father – John 6

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# “NO ONE CAN COME TO ME ...”

**John 5:39–40 (NASB95)**

<sup>39</sup> “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; <sup>40</sup> **and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.**”

**John 5:46–47 (NASB95)**

<sup>46</sup> “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. <sup>47</sup> **But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**”

**John 6:44–45 (NASB95)**

<sup>44</sup> “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; ... ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ **Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.**”

## Who Rejects The Testimony Of The Father – John 5&6

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**“BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP”**



**John 10:16 (NASB95)**

**16 “I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.**

# “BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP”



## John 10:26–28 (NASB95)

<sup>26</sup> “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.  
<sup>27</sup> “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

# “BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF MY SHEEP”

## John 10:26–28 (CALVINISM)

<sup>26</sup> “But you do not believe because you are not of My [*eternally, unconditionally elected*] sheep. <sup>27</sup> “My [*eternally, unconditionally elected*] sheep [*who are irresistibly enabled to*] hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;



# “MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE”



## ▶ THE SHEEP OF JOHN 10 ARE:

- ☑ Those Jews who “believed Moses, ... for he wrote about Me.” (John 5:46)
- ☑ Those who had “heard and learned from the Father” (John 6:45)
- ☑ Children of God, who loved God, and would love the Son (John 8:42)
- ☑ Those **presently** “of God,” and who hear God’s word (John 8:47)
- ☑ Jesus, in the context, is distinguishing between faithful and unfaithful Jews!

# DISTINCTION OF CLASSES!

## CLEARLY A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD



Believed Moses, John, the Father  
 Heard Moses, John, the Father  
 Followed Moses, John, the Father

**WOULD BELIEVE,  
 HEAR, AND  
 FOLLOW JESUS**

**WOULD NOT  
 BELIEVE, HEAR,  
 FOLLOW JESUS**

Refused Moses, John, or the Father  
 Rejected Moses, John, and the Father  
 Disobedient, rebellious, persecutors



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**GOD FEARERS LIKE**  
Samaritans (John 4:40,41; Luke 17:19)  
Roman Centurion (Matt 8:10,11)  
Cornelius (Acts 10:2,31,33,34-36)

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