

How much of coming to Christ is determined by intellect and how much is determined by faith?

God uses pastors/teachers (Eph 4:11d), evangelists (v 11c), etc. to draw men to himself (Jn 6:44, Eph 4:7-16). He grants repentance unto life (Ac 11:18).

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness (Mt 6:33a)." We are responsible to God (Mt 7:7-11).

In Deuteronomy we read: "Thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul (Dt 4:29)" and Isaiah wrote, "Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near (Is 55:6)."

When we seek God's will (v. 7), he reveals it (v. 8). Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Mt 7:7-8)."

It is God's desire for all men to be saved. Peter wrote: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Pe 3:9)" and Luke wrote "...That they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us (Ac 17:27)."

David described the behavior of those who worship the Lord (Ps 15:2-5).¹ Others who lack these qualifications should examine themselves to see if they are in the faith (2 Co 13:5).

Loving God will involve all of one's: heart, mind, soul and strength (Mk 12:33).

¹ They: lead blameless lives (v. 2), do what is right (v. 2), speak the truth (v. 2), despise persistent sinners (v. 4), honor the Lord's faithful followers (v. 4) and keep their promises even when it hurts (v. 4). They refuse to: slander others (v. 3), harm their neighbors (v. 3), speak evil of their friends (v. 3), charge interest on loans (v. 5) and accept bribes to testify against the innocent (v. 5). Willmington, H. L. (1999). *The Outline Bible* (Ps 15:1-16:7). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.