

Well, everything that happens God has caused. But God says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name;" In John ~~6~~ 7:37 Jesus cried and said, "If any man thirst, ~~let~~ let him come ~~to~~ to me," If any man thirst. Well, of course. nobody thirsts unless God implants a thirst in him. But Jesus didn't say, 'Now, if God is implanting a thirst in you, God will lead you to come.' No, He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me - and drink." ^{In} /Matthew 11:28 - Jesus gave that wonderful call, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." In the very first occasion after the resurrection, when the apostles preached the Gospel, we find that that verse from the Old Testament upon which Peter laid so much stress in Acts 2:21 was, "It shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." And then in verse 40 we find that after he finished his message he went on, saying, 'with many other ~~was~~ words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. Then they which gladly received his word were baptized..."

What a terrible mistake he made; he should have taken at least two or three months to instruct before he baptized them, shouldn't he? ~~They~~ "they that gladly received ~~his~~ his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." They came to Christ, and then He gave them instruction; He gave them careful ~~his~~ doctrine. He built them up in the faith. In Romans 10 we read in verses 12 to 15, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" How shall they call? What's the use of speaking to them unless God has first worked within their hearts, and ^{has} first regenerated them? Yes, God may have first regenerated them. He may not have first regenerated them. You ~~don't~~ don't know. Your objective is to try to reach them; ~~to~~ to do the best you can. ~~And~~ And God knows whom He has regenerated,