

the one to be reached are responsible. We cannot reconcile these two aspects, but we have to recognize that both are true. I occasionally run onto people who are so afraid that they will say something that they think sounds Arminian that they refuse to use Scriptural language in ~~calling~~ calling upon people to turn to God. That's ~~not~~ not honoring to God. God gives us examples in the ~~Scripture~~ Scripture of what He wants us to do, and we know that it can't be accomplished except He does it; except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. But we have a responsibility, and, humanly speaking, this particular thing will not be accomplished unless we ourselves do it. Oh, how many of these expressions we have in the Scripture which, when you hear someone use in an evangelistic service, someone says, "Oh, my, my, he's contradicting Calvinistic teaching. He's not. The Bible does not contradict itself. And what the Bible says fits together. And God says in Isaiah 55, "Ho, ~~every~~ every one that thirsteth, come..." He calls them to come. Come to the waters, and he that hath no money, come. How can I come? ~~I'm~~ I'm lost in sin. I'm dead in sin; how can I come? Well, God calls you to come. Is God just making a farce of it? Is God just saying words that don't have any meaning? Of course not. This 55th chapter of Isaiah comes right after the 53rd chapter. It is by virtue of what Jesus Christ did on Calvary's cross that we can say this. But God says it, and He calls upon us to say it. "Ho, every one that thirsts, come ye to the water; and he that hath no money, ~~come~~ come, buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" ~~Yea~~ Verse 3: "Incline your ear and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live." God calls us to do these things. ~~And~~ And He gives us the power to do them. John tells us that when Jesus came to earth His own received Him not, "but," we read, "as many as received him. ." Some people would say that John is certainly an Arminian book. That was wicked to say, "as many as received him, /". They ~~should~~ should have said, "As ~~many~~ many as God caused to receive Him."