

Election—Jesus style! Conversation post worship, July 12, 2026

Reflecting on: Bishop Shelly Bryan Wee's sermon based on John 15:16: "**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and...**"

We'll enjoy promises which expand—rather than contract—God's love for *all* the world. [I Peter 2:9ff and so many more]

Election-See where 'it' contracts and where 'it' expands:

[Showing my 'hand': "*Elect from every nation/Yet one o'er all the earth*" -Elect is us, of course!]. *'The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord...With His own blood her bought her and for her life, He died.'* [ELW #654]

God's Chosen People: Isaiah 42:1/45:4 (Israel is 'mine elect!')/65:9/69:22('mine!')

Mt 24:22-31/Mk13:20-31. Luke 18:7

Romans question: Who shall bring a charge? (8:33) [The only time in Paul but see re: chosen (elect) 9:11 & 11:5/7/28. O.K. I Thess. 1:4 but that's to give them confidence, yes, no?]

Col. 3:12— 'As God's chosen ones' (this is after the 'great inclusion' –including Scythians! – 'Christ is all in all!'). OH! THIEVES, stop stealing (Ephesians 3/Col. 3) [Is Ephesians the key? See: Eph. 3:21] I Tim 5:21/2 Tim 2:10/Titus 1:1/1Pet 1:2/1:10/2:5/5:13 (see I Thess. 1:4: Babylon needs confidence, yes, no?) See the need for election in the 2nd century?

THE ALL IN ALL! "Come to me, ALL you who are weary..." [Mt. 11:28-30]

John 3:16 (duh!).

I Cor 15:22 '...for as **all die** in Adam, so **all** will be **made alive** in Christ'. [I Cor. 15!]

Philippians 2:10 & 11 -Take a moment and see how Paul works the Holy Spirit magic: "Every knee...!" [By Dante's time, Paul's vision of promise had been demonized –see 'Inferno' Canto 34 etc.]

Titus 2:11 Bringing salvation to **all**. [Goodness, even, sometimes, kind of, the Pastoral letters 'get it']

[We can confer, converse & otherwise hobnob about Calvin's double predestining God vs. Luther's *Deus Absconditus*: God is revealed only and always in the cross of Jesus Christ.] [Proclaiming the 'all' means that the preacher is included!]

See N.Y. Times column/interview w/Christian Wiman, June 21, 2026.

More discussion: ELECTION & THEODICY

Ending at the beginning: I Cor. 13

