

# ***YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME***



*Choose Your Path*

*To tell you the truth, I have no idea how it happened.*

*I didn't "make a decision for Christ".*

*I didn't "pray the sinner's prayer".*

*Can't say I inherited faith from my folks.*

*One day I just knew I had to take this Road. The words of Jesus took hold of me and wouldn't let go.*

*I began bumping into people whose hearts burned with holy fire.*

So how did we end up on this Road?

You could say we were drawn to it.

In fact, everyone is drawn to it somewhere, somehow.

***"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth (on the cross), will draw all people to myself."***

***John 12:32***



Strange as it may seem, the gateway to this Road is the cross of Jesus, where our guilt disappears..

All are invited to come. All are given a chance—somewhere, somehow—to walk this Road.

Some respond; some turn away.

This Road leads through valleys of suffering, but the hand of the Master never abandons us.

So how did we all get here?

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”*

*John 15:16*

As the years pass, the crowds on the Road begin to thin.

People turn aside.

Some feel that God let them down.

Some are busy with other things.

Some are so successful in their careers or their “ministries”, that this Road seems too narrow.

We keep calling others to join us, and new faces take the place of those who left.

Until, off in the distance, we behold the Shining City.

*And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day – and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

*Revelation 21: 23-27*



City of God

**Don’t blot our names out of that book, Lord!**

**Keep us faithful to the end!**

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