

# Calvinism & the Bible

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Okay, so we all hate categories and boxes. Those of us who believe in the Bible often fancy ourselves above “all those systematic theologies and creeds.” We just believe in the Bible and that's that. Unfortunately, the belief that we do not have a creed is itself a creed about creeds, because “creed” simply means, set of beliefs. You can't escape it. Everyone has a creed, some are just smarter and humbler in recognizing it. We are fooling ourselves if we think we have no “system” of beliefs when it comes to the Bible. The fact is, many smarter men and women have gone before us who believed what we believe, only they were smarter in carrying out those beliefs to a fuller and systematic conclusion. So when a system is called something, whether Pentecostalism, Dispensationalism, Covenantalism or any other “ism” this is simply a designation for that consistently worked out system. Whether we like it or not, our beliefs will always be able to be categorized into some kind of system. So there are no so-called, Simple Bible Believers. There are however, simple-minded Bible believers who do not recognize their own box or system that they fall into. Let us lay aside our arrogance and recognize that EVERYONE claims their belief system is THE Biblical system, including us, and if we are humble enough to research we will find that others have gone before us who had our same beliefs but worked them out better than us. And thus we arrive at Calvinism. Calvinism is so-called because John Calvin was the foremost man in history who articulated it in a way that many have not forgotten. He is not the only one who did so. There are many others, and the Apostle Paul was the first. Why then do we call it Calvinism and not Paulinism or just plain Christianity? The answer is that EVERYONE thinks their interpretation of Christianity is the correct one. The only way we can differentiate our interpretation from other interpretations is to give it a unique label. The fact that it is called, “Calvinism” does not make it extra-biblical, this is simply a designation that separates it from all other interpretations of the Scriptures, all other “isms.” The point of this all is that *Calvinism is simply Biblical Christianity*.

For those who do not know, Calvinism is simplified by the acronym: TULIP. Each letter stands for a specific doctrine of the Scriptures that express true Christianity. “T” stands for TOTAL DEPRAVITY, “U” stands for UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION, “L” stands for LIMITED ATONEMENT, “I” stands for IRRESISTIBLE GRACE, and “P” stands for PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS. These are what are called, “the Five Points of Calvinism.”

Instead of blathering on with my own words (as I have already done too much of), I decided to simply organize and print out many of the actual Bible verses that support each of the 5 Points of Calvinism for the rigorous Bible student. I have put my mere commentary in the red underlined introductions to the verses. If you are sharp, you will recognize that if these are truly Biblical doctrines, then most of us western American Christians have been sold a bill of goods as to what the Gospel really is. We have been living our lives in a man-centered Christianity that relegates God to a secondary power in the universe. Secondary to man's own “free will,” which is normally defined as an autonomous power that we have that God cannot violate without making us all “puppets.” Friends, if God does not have the power to violate our “free will,” then his power is, by that definition, secondary to our power which is primary because it cannot be violated. This man-centered faith is idolatrous and offensive to the glory and majesty of God and I once held it myself until God's grace broke me to my knees. It is my prayer that you too will recognize that our Christian faith is truly one that is given to us by GRACE ALONE, and that it is nothing of ourselves, and that the common notion of a “free will,” autonomous from God's control, is an offense to our loving sovereign Creator and we need to repent from it. We need to REFORM our understanding of God.

Calvinism is also known for it's strong emphasis on God's ALL-CONTROLLING SOVEREIGNTY. And in a sense, this is the ultimate doctrine upon which all the other 5 points rest, and which separate Calvinism from the man-centered Arminianism and Thomism etc, to which the rest of Christianity in America hold. Which is why I will start with verses about God's Sovereignty before I deal with the 5 points...

# GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

## God decrees everything that comes to pass

**Ephesians 1:11:** we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God,

**Colossians 1:16-17:** For by Him all things were created, {both} in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**Hebrews 1:3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

**1Corinth 8:6** yet for us there is {but} one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we {exist} for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we {exist} through Him.

**Acts 17:28** for in Him we live and move and exist,

**Matt10:29** “Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And {yet} not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**Daniel 4:35** “And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And {among} the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What hast Thou done?’

**Job 12:16** “With Him are strength and sound wisdom, The misled and the misleader belong to Him. 17 “He makes counselors walk barefoot, And makes fools of judges. 18 “He loosens the bond of kings, And binds their loins with a girdle. 19 “He makes priests walk barefoot, And overthrows the secure ones. 20 “He deprives the trusted ones of speech, And takes away the discernment of the elders. 21 “He pours contempt on nobles, And loosens the belt of the strong. 22 “He reveals mysteries from the darkness, And brings the deep darkness into light. 23 “He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away. 24 “He deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth’s people, And makes them wander in a pathless waste. 25 “They grope in darkness with no light, And He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

**Job 42:1** Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 2 “I know that Thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.

**Is 46:9** “Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times

things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’; 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

**Psalms 33:11** The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. 13 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth, 15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

**Prov 20:24** Man’s steps are {ordained} by the LORD,

**Prov 16:4** The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

**Psalms 139:16** Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained {for me} , When as yet there was not one of them.

**Revelation 21:6** And He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

## Natural catastrophes are from God

**Job 2:10** Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?”

**John 9:1** And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “ {It was} neither {that} this man sinned, nor his parents; but {it was} in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.

**Isaiah 45:7** I am the LORD, and there is no other, 7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity (STRONG’S: 7451: evil); I am the LORD who does all these.

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## Even evil is ordained, decreed, predestined by God:

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**Job 2:10** Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity? (STRONG’S: 7451: evil)” (**Job 1:15:** and the Sabaeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword.)

**Lamentations 3:37** Who is there who speaks and it comes to pass, Unless the Lord has commanded {it} ? 38 {Is it} not from the mouth of the Most High That **both good and ill** (STRONG'S: 7463, EVIL) go forth?

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**2 Samuel 12:11-12:** "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes, and give {them} to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight.

**1Sam. 16:14** Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.

**1 King 22:23** "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets;

**Deut. 13:1** "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

**2 King 22:20** "neither shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring on this place [Jerusalem]."

**Psalms 105:25** He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.

**Isaiah 63:17** Why, O LORD, dost Thou cause us to stray from Thy ways, And harden our heart from fearing Thee?

**1 Kings 12:15** So the king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn of events from the LORD, that He might establish His word,

**Judges 9:23** And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech.

**Romans 9:17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

**God predestined the greatest evil act in the universe: so anything lesser is a difference of DEGREE not ESSENCE**

**Acts 2:23** this {Man} , delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put {Him} to death.

**Acts 4:27** "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the

peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

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**Luke 22:22** "For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it **has been determined**; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

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**God hardens hearts to do evil**

**Ps. 105:25** He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.

**Joshua 11:20** For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle in order that he might utterly destroy them,

**Exodus 4:21:** And the LORD said to Moses, ...but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

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**Each event that occurs has man's will and God's will behind it. God is in control, yet man is still morally responsible.**

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**Acts 13:48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they {began} rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**Proverbs 16:9** The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD

directs his steps.

**Prov 16:1** The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. (KJV)

**2 Sam 24:1** Now again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah." **10** Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. **1 Chron 21:1** Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel. So David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, number Israel.

**1 King 22:20-23** "And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that. "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' "And the LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.' "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets;

**1 Chron 10:4** Therefore Saul took his sword and fell on it. **1 Chron 10:13-14** So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, ... Therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

**Job 2:7** Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. **8** And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. **9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" **10** But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?"

**Genesis 45:8** "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

**Genesis 50:20** "And as for you, you meant evil against me, {but} God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

**Isa. 10:5** Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger  
And the staff in whose hands is My indignation, **6** I send it  
against a godless nation  
And commission it against the people of My fury  
To capture booty and to seize plunder,  
And to trample them down like mud in the streets. **7** Yet it does  
not so intend Nor does it plan so in its heart,  
But rather it is its purpose to destroy, ...  
"I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of  
Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness." **13** For he has said,  
"By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did {this,}  
For I have understanding;  
And I removed the boundaries of the peoples,  
And plundered their treasures,  
And like a mighty man I brought down {their} inhabitants,

:15 Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it?  
Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it?  
{That would be} like a club wielding those who lift it,  
{Or} like a rod lifting {him who} is not wood.

**Jer 50:24** "I set a snare for you, and you were also caught, O Babylon, While you yourself were not aware; You have been found and also seized Because you have engaged in conflict with the LORD." **25** The LORD has opened His armory  
And has brought forth the weapons of His indignation,  
For it is a work of the Lord GOD of hosts  
In the land of the Chaldeans.

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### **God's answer to the one who questions his justice if he predestines even the evil:**

**Rom 9:18** So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" **20** On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? **21** Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? **22** What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? **23** And {He did so} in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

**Job 38:1** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"

**Job 33:13** "Why do you complain against Him, That He does not give an account of all His doings?"

# TOTAL DEPRAVITY

## Man is born dead in his sins.

**Ps. 58:3** The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.

**Ps. 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

**Gen. 6:5 (before the flood)** Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Gen 8:21: (after the flood)** for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth;

**Ephesians 2:1-3:** And you were **dead in your trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

**Colossians 2:13:** And when **you were dead** in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive** together with Him,

## Man's will is not free, he is a slave of sin.

**John 8:34:** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the *slave of sin*."

**Romans 3:9-17:** What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all **under sin**; 10 as it is written, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; 11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, ..THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; 12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." 18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

**Romans 3:20:** For when you were *slaves of sin*, you were free in regard to righteousness.

**Titus 3:3:** For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, **enslaved** to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

## Man's nature is evil alone, he is unable to change his nature, and unable to choose anything but evil.

**Titus 1:15:** To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, **nothing is pure**, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

**Isaiah 64:6:** For all of us have become like one who is unclean,

And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**Job 14:4:** "Who can make the clean out of the unclean? No one!

**Jeremiah 13:23:** "Can the Ethiopian change his skin Or the leopard his spots? {Then} you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil.

**Matthew 12:33:** "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. 35 "The good man out of {his} good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of {his} evil treasure brings forth what is evil.

**Matthew 7:17:** Grapes are not gathered from thorn {bushes,} nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

**John 3:18:** men **loved the darkness** rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and **does not come** to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

## Man is unable to exercise faith in God.

**John 6:44:** "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

**John 6:64-65:** "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. 65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that **no one can come to Me**, unless it has been granted him from the Father."

**1Corinthians 2:14:** But a natural man **does not accept** the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he **cannot understand** them, because they are spiritually appraised.

**Romans 8:7:** because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for **it is not even able** {to do so} ; 8 and those who are in the flesh **cannot** please God.

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# UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

## God chooses man, Man does not choose God.

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**Rom. 10:20** And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

**John 15:16:** “You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you,

**Acts 13:48:** and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**1Thess 1:4:** knowing, brethren beloved by God, {His} choice of you;

**Mark 13:20:** but for the sake of the elect whom He chose, He shortened the days

**2Thess 2:13:** brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has **chosen you from the beginning** for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matt 11:27:** nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal {Him.}

**John 6:44:** “No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

**Ps. 65:4** How blessed is the one whom Thou dost choose, and bring near {to Thee} , To dwell in Thy courts.

**Phil 2:13** for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for {His} good pleasure.

*Passages that talk of seeking God are directed at the believer. Otherwise, when God says to repent and believe, or offers salvation to all, it is the general call to all men out of which only the elect will respond.*

**Matt 22:14:** “For many are called, but few {are} chosen.”

**The faith that man has is a gift given to him from God, it does not originate in his autonomous self. Already established in Total Depravity that man cannot exercise faith.**

**Ezek 11:19** “And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

**Ezek 36:26** “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a

new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, ...so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

**Heb 12:2** Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith,

**John6:65** And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

**1Cor 2:5** What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

**1Cor 3:6** Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

7 For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

**1 Cor 4:7** And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

**Eph 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of God;

**Phil 1:29** For to you **it has been granted** for Christ’s sake, not only to **believe** in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

**Phil 2:13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

**Acts 16:14** And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

**2Timothy 2:25** if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

**Act 5:31** “He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to **grant repentance** to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

**Acts 11:18** “Well then, God has **granted** to the Gentiles also the **repentance** {that leads} to life.”

**Matt. 13:10** And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 And He answered and said to them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

**Romans 8:15** but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

**If God gives the faith, then the “receiving” done by man is not**

**an active reaching out to receive, but a passive receive done unto him.**

**God's election is based on foreknowledge.**

**1Peter 1:1** who are chosen **2 according to the foreknowledge** of God the Father,

**Romans 8 28** :to those who are called according to {His} purpose. **29** For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** {to become} conformed to the image of His Son,...and whom He predestined, these He also **called**; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

*Foreknowledge is not merely "foreseeing" an event outside of God's control, but to know a person relationally in advance.*

**Romans 9:11** for though {the twins} were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose according to {His} choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, **12** it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." **13** Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

**God's election based on foreknowledge is not "foreseeing" man's decision, for this would be election based on Man's will and decision. Election is based on God's will and purpose alone. The purpose of God determines man's decision, man's decision does not determine God's purpose or election.**

**Romans 8 28** :to those who are **called according to {His} purpose**. **29** For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined**

**Eph 1:4** just as He **chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love **5** He **predestined us** to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, **according to the kind intention of His will**,... **11** having been **predestined according to His purpose** who works all things **after the counsel of His will**,

**Romans 9:11** for though {the twins} were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that **God's purpose according to {His} choice** might stand, not because of works, **but because of Him who calls**...**13** Just as it is written, ..So then it {does} **not {depend} on the man who wills** or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, **but according to His mercy**, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**2Timothy 1:9** who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to His own purpose** and grace **which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity**,

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, {even} to those who believe in His name, **13** who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the

flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Romans 8 28** :And we know that **God causes** all things to work together for good to those who are called **according to {His} purpose**. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; **30** and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**Rom. 10:20** "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."

**Acts 2:23** this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

**Acts 13:48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**God elects who will be damned as well as who will be saved**

**1Peter 2:8-9**: But for those who disbelieve,... they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this {doom} **they were also appointed**. But you are A **CHOSEN RACE**,

**1Thes 5:9** For God has not **destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Jude 4** For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were **long beforehand marked out (ordained) for this condemnation**, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Romans 9:13** Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! **15** For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE ...For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." **18** So then **He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires**. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" **20** On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? **21** Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? **22** What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience **vessels of wrath prepared for destruction**? **23** And {He did so} in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon **vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory**, **24** {even} us, whom He also called, not

from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

**Matt. 13:10** And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 And He answered and said to them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it has not been granted.** “For whoever has, to him shall {more} be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. 13 “Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 “And in their case the **prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;** 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM.’

**Revelation 13:8** And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, {everyone} **whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life** of the Lamb who has been slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 If anyone {is destined} for captivity, to captivity he goes;

**2Pet. 2:1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in {their} greed they will exploit you with false words; **their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.**

**2 Pet 2:12** But these, as natural brute beasts, **made to be taken and destroyed,** speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

**Prov 16:4** The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, **Even the wicked for the day of evil.**



# LIMITED ATONEMENT

**Jesus came to save sinners, not merely make salvation possible for sinners. His death on the cross ACTUALLY saved individuals, it did not save them POTENTIALLY.**

**Jesus' sacrifice was a payment for sin that was complete and sufficient. If anyone for whom Christ died would burn in hell, then the payment for sin was inadequate or God is demanding a double payment for what has already been paid for.**

**Matthew 1:21** “And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who **will save** His people from their sins.”

**John 19:30** When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”**

**Heb 7:25** Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**Heb 9:15** And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place **for the redemption** of the transgressions that were {committed} under the first covenant, **those who have been called may receive the promise** of the eternal inheritance.

**John 6:35** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 “But I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 **“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me**, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 ..39 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who **beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life;**..44 **“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him.”**

**John 10:24** If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe;...26 “But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. 27 **“My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 **and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish**; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, **who has given {them} to Me**, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch {them} out of the Father's hand.**

**John 17:1** These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee, 2 even as **Thou gavest Him authority over all mankind, that to all whom Thou hast given Him, He may give eternal life.** 3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. 4 “I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. 5 “And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. 6 **“I manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out**

**of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me**, and they have kept Thy word. 7 “Now they have come to know that everything Thou hast given Me is from Thee; 8 for the words which Thou gavest Me I have given to them; and they received {them,} and truly understood that I came forth from Thee, and they believed that Thou didst send Me. 9 “I ask on their behalf; **I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine;** 10 and all things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them....20 **“I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;** ...24 “Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world. 25 “O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; 26 and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them.”

**HEB 10:10** By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, **SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**, 13 waiting from that time onward **UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.** 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

**2 COR 5:19** namely, that God was in Christ **reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

**Heb 9:11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; 12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, **having obtained eternal redemption...**

15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since **a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions** that were committed under the first covenant, **those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

**Jesus died only for his elect, for his people and not for every sinner indiscriminately. If he died for all sinners, then all would be saved, but they are not all saved, so he could not have**

**John 10:14** “I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**Ephesians 5:25** Christ .. loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

**Acts 20:28** “Be on guard...to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Matthew 1:21** “And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.”

**Titus 2:14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

**Isa 53:8** By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, **For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?**

**Matt 20:28\*** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give **His life a ransom for many.**”

**God loves the elect, but hates the damned. Beloved is only used of the Elect, never of the non-elect, God DOES NOT pour out his wrath on those whom He loves.**

**Col. 3:12** And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and **beloved**,

**1Thess 1:4** knowing, brethren **beloved** by God, {His} election of you;

**Ephesians 2:3** Among them we too ... were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**Ps. 11:5** The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

**Prov. 6:16** There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness {who} utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

**Ps. 139:21** Do I not hate those who hate Thee, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against Thee? I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

**Hosea 9:15** All their evil is at Gilgal; Indeed, I came to hate them there! Because of the wickedness of their deeds I will drive them out of My house! I will love them no more;

**John 3:36** “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but **the wrath of God abides on him.**”

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath {of God} through Him.

**Eph 2:3** and were by nature **children of wrath**, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love **with which He loved us**, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ **Eph 5:6** for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

**1Thes 5:9** For God has not destined us for **wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Rev 14:9** “ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 “And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night,

**Rev 19:15** And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may **smite the nations**; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the **fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.**

**Rev 20:15** And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Rev 21:7** “He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part {will be} in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

**Rom 9:22** What if God, although willing to demonstrate His **wrath** and to make His power known, endured with much patience **vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?** 23 And {He did so} in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon **vessels of mercy**, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

### **“The world”**

**John 1:9** There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man...“Behold, the Lamb of God who **takes away the sin of the world!**

**John 3:16** “For God so loved **the world**, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 “For God did not send the Son into **the world** to judge **the world**, but that **the world** should be saved through Him. 18 “**He who believes** in Him is not judged; he who **does not believe has been judged** already, **because he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**John 4:42** “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One

is indeed the **Savior of the world.**”

**2Cor 5:18** Now all {these} things are from God, who **reconciled us** to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ **reconciling the world** to Himself

**1John 2:1** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for **{those of} the whole world.**

**1John 4:14** And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son {to be} **the Savior of the world.**

**EXPLANATION VERSES: “The World” almost never means every single person, but is rather a generic term used for many different people**

**John 1:10** He was in the world (Israel), and the world (everything) was made through Him, and the world (unbelievers) did not know Him.

**Luke 2:1** Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the world. (The Roman empire)

John 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world (many people) has gone after Him.”

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world (lies in the power of the evil one.

**EXPLANATION VERSES for “the world”: A dominant theme in the New Testament books was to convince the Jewish Christians that Gentiles (“the world”) were also capable of salvation through faith. Up until then, they alone were God’s chosen people and everyone else, “the Gentiles” or “the Nations” were damned. To the 1st century Jew, WORLD meant “all men without distinction between Jew and Gentile (racial),” it did not mean “all men without distinction between repentant and unrepentant.”**

Rom. 3:19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to **those who are under the Law**, that **every** mouth may be closed, and **all the world** may become accountable to God; 20 because by the works of the Law **no flesh will be justified in His sight**;...{the} righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ **for all those who believe; for there is no distinction**; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,...29 Or is God {the God} **of Jews only? Is He not {the God} of Gentiles also?** Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

**Rom 10:11** For the Scripture says, “**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**” 12 **For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek**; for the same {Lord} is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; 13 for “**WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD will be saved.**”

**Romans 9:24** {even} us, whom He also called, **not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.**

Col 3:11 {a renewal} in which there is **no {distinction between} Greek and Jew**, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, **but Christ is all, and in all.**

**Gal 2:15** “We {are} Jews by nature, and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, {saying} , “**ALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU.**” 9 So then **those who are of faith** are blessed with Abraham, the believer. ...3:14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham **might come to the Gentiles**, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ... 3:26 For you are **all sons of God through faith** in Christ Jesus. 27 **For all of you who were baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 **There is neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Acts 11:1** Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea **heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.** 2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, **those who were circumcised took issue with him,** 3 saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” 4 But Peter began {speaking} and {proceeded} to explain to them in orderly sequence,...15 “And as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as {He did} upon us** at the beginning. 16 “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 “**If God therefore gave to them the same gift as {He gave} to us also** after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could stand in God’s way?**” 18 And when they heard this, they quieted down, and glorified God, saying, “Well then, **God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance {that leads} to life.**”

**Acts 15:1** And some men came down from Judea and {began} teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ...6 And the apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. 7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 “And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, **giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;** 9 and He made **no distinction between us and them**, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 “Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, **in the same way as they also are.**”...13 And after they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen to me. 14 “Simeon has related how **God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.** “And with this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 ‘**AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT,** 17 **IN ORDER THAT**

**THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,**

**Acts 15:19** “Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,

**Ephesians 2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who made both {groups into} one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, {which is} the Law of commandments {contained} in ordinances, that in Himself **He might make the two into one new man**, {thus} establishing peace, 16 and **might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross**, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 **AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;** 18 for **through Him we both have our access** in one Spirit to the Father. ...Eph. 3:3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery,...the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations **was not made known to the sons of men**, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 {to be specific} , **that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,**

**“All Men”**

**“ALL” is ALL THE ELECT, or ALL men without distinction between Jew and Gentile, not all men without exception**

**2Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but **for all to come to repentance.**

**Note: The verses before this verse talk of God’s election of Noah’s family before the judgement of the flood as well as the “election” of the godless to judgment. So since ALL men will not be saved and God’s will is never thwarted, then when God’s will is for all to come to repentance it must be ALL THE ELECT...**

**2Pet 2:4** For if God ...did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 and {if} He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing {them} to ashes...and {if} He rescued righteous Lot,...{then} the Lord knows how to **rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment** for the day of *judgment*,...**3: 6** through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men... The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but **for all to come to repentance.**

**CONCLUSION: if you believe that ALL means ALL MEN, not ALL THE ELECT, then you must conclude that Christ will never come because ALL men WILL NOT repent. Everyone must limit their definition of ALL or suffer contradiction.**

**Rom 8:32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us **all**, how will He not also with Him freely give us

all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against **God’s elect?**

**Rom. 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, ...17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted **condemnation to all men**, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted **justification of life to all men.** 19 For as through the one man’s disobedience **the many were made sinners**, even so through the obedience of the One **the many will be made righteous.**

**(If all men are not justified [saved] then all must mean different ideas when applied to condemnation and justification. Paul is making a play on words here. because we know ALL are sinners but not ALL will be saved [made righteous].**

Acts 2:16\* but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel 17\* ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT UPON **ALL MANKIND;**

**[God did not pour out his spirit on all every single person, but rather on all kinds of people]**

Col 1:28\* And we proclaim Him, admonishing **every man** and teaching **every man** with **all** wisdom, that we may present **every man** complete in Christ.\_

**[They weren’t teaching all men literally, but all those of the elect. And they didn’t have ALL wisdom literally, but all the wisdom they had]**

Mark 1:5\* And **all the country of Judea** was going out to him, and **all the people of Jerusalem**; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Heb 2:9\* Jesus, that by the grace of God He might taste death for **everyone**.10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in **bringing many sons to glory,**

Acts 10:12\* and there were in it **all** four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. 13\* And a voice came to him, “Arise, Peter, kill and eat!”

**[Peter’s dream did not have ALL animals, but all kinds of ]**

John 12:32\* “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw **all men** to Myself.”

**[Jesus didn’t draw all men without exception to himself, because all men are not saved, so that would make him ineffective in his drawing. Rather, he draw all those he elected]**

Other “ALL” verses that do not mean literally **all but a select all:** Lk 3:21; Lk 11:42; Jn 8:2; 1 Tim 6:10; Rom 14:2; Mt 9:35

**THE NATION, THE PEOPLE – THE ELECT:**

**John 11:50** nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should **die for the people**, and that the whole nation should not perish.” ...he prophesied that Jesus was going

to die for **the nation**, 52 and not for the nation only, but **that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.**

**'THE PEOPLE' and 'THE NATION' did not mean ALL Jews, but only those Jews who were ELECT. So generic ALL INCLUSIVE terms regarding salvation do not TRULY apply to every individual, but rather to the ELECT WITHIN that generic group.**

**Rom. 9:6** For they are not all Israel who are {descended} from Israel;

**1Cor. 10:1** For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were **all** under the cloud, and **all** passed through the sea; 2 and **all** were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and **all** ate the same spiritual food; 4 and **all** drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 5 **Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased;**

**Rom. 11:1** I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! ... 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in {the passage about} Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 "Lord, **THEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.**" 4 But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL." 5 **In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to {God's} gracious choice.** 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

**Heb 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation **for the sins of the people.**

**"Whosoever."**

**As already established in ELECTION, God has already determined who is His elect and therefore who will be saved, as well as the fact that only God can give faith to those He wants to. Therefore, all verses that say "whoever" or "as many as" do not deny God's predestination by indicating that every sinner ACTUALLY can believe, but expresses man's inability to know who is predestined. "Whoever" is from man's perspective what "elect" is from God's perspective. Man makes the general gospel proclamation to ALL MEN because he does not know who is elect, but then God reveals who is elect by whoever believes.**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**Acts 10:43** "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, {even} to those who believe in His name,

**Matthew 10:32** "Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

**Matt 16:25** "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

**Rom 10:11** For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 12 **For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;** for the same {Lord} is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD will be saved."

# IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

## God's will cannot be thwarted by man.

**Job 42:1** "I know that Thou canst do all things, And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.

**Daniel 4:35 35** "And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And {among} the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'

**Isaiah 46:9** For I am God, and there is no other; {I am} God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; ...Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned {it, surely} I will do it.

Since man is dead in sins, he cannot choose God. The Holy Spirit is the one who changes a person's heart and opens them up to the gospel, so man's will has nothing to do with the New Birth. Man's will is changed by God.

**Ezek 36:26** "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, ...so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

**Heb 12:2** Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith,

**Eph 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of God;

**Acts 16:14** And a certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

**Romans 8:15** but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Man extends the OUTWARD general call to all men, but God places a specific INWARD calling only to His elect

**Matt 22:14** "For many are called, but few {are} chosen."

**Mark 16: 15** "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

**Matt. 13:10** And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 And He answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 "For whoever has, to him shall {more} be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has

shall be taken away from him. 13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 "And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I should heal them.'

**Romans 1:6** among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 to all who are beloved of God

**1 Cor 1:23** but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to {His} purpose... 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified

**Romans 9:23** that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, 24 {even} us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

**Gal 1:15** But when He who had set me apart, {even} from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace,

**2 Timothy 1:9** who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

**Hebrews 9:15** He is the mediator of a new covenant, ...those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

**Jude 1** to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:

**1 Pet 1:15** but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all {your} behavior;.. 5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen {and} establish you.

**Revelation 17:14** He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him {are the} called and chosen and faithful."

# PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

## Perseverance depends on God, not on the elect

**Jude 1** to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

**Ezek 36:27** “And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes,

**1Pet 1:5** who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**2Tim 1:12** for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day

**Ps. 37:28** For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever;

**1Ths. 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

**Phil 1:6** {For I am} confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus 13 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for {His} good pleasure.

## Salvation cannot be lost by the believer

**John 10: 27** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, who has given {them} to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch {them} out of the Father’s hand.

**John 6:37** “All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 ... 39 “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

**Romans 8:38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Rom 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined {to become} conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; 30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He

also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**Eph 1:5** He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation —having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of {God’s own} possession, to the praise of His glory.

## Therefore those who fall away were never really saved to begin with.

**1Tim. 4:1** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith,

**6:5** men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. **6:10** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

**1John 2:18** even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not {really} of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but {they went out,} in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

**Heb 6:4** For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and {then} have **fallen away**, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame. 7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls upon it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way... 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Matt. 7:15** “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 “You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn {bushes,} nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 “Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 “A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 “So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never

knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE  
LAWLESSNESS.’

**2Pet. 2:1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, **2:20** for if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, “A sow, after washing, {returns} to wallowing in the mire.”

### **Can we know we are the elect? Yes!**

**1John 5:11** And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

**John 6:47** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

**John 3:36** “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

**John 5:24** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.