

## V. Soteriology: Study of Salvation

### A. Predestination



1. Disclaimers:
  - a) Divisive Topic
  - b) Important, Not Essential
  - c) Scripture Over Systems
  - d) Scripture Over Experience
  
2. Defining terms:
  - a) Predestination- (Greek: prooridzo, God's decree beforehand)
  
  - b) Reprobation-
  
  - c) Election- (Greek: ekloge, God's choice or selection)
  
  - d) Foreknowledge- (Greek: proginosko, to know beforehand)

### 3. Pivotal Points in Development of Theology

- a) Augustine vs. Pelagius
- b) Luther vs. Erasmus
- c) Calvin vs. Arminius
- d) Whitefield vs. Wesley
- e) Spurgeon vs. Hypercalvinists
- f) Young, Restless, and Reformed Movement

### 4. Three Encouragements

- a) Stay humble and willing to change your mind
- b) Stay Biblical even when the truth is difficult to grasp
- c) Stay loving when you disagree

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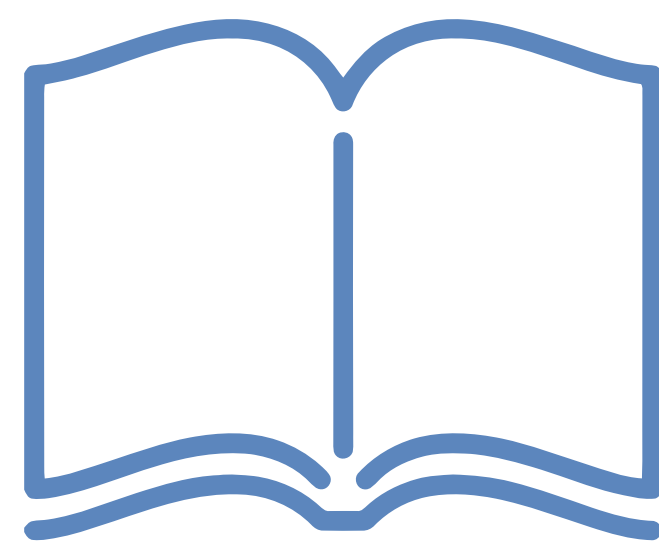
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## 5. Biblical Support for Predestination:

- a) Exodus 4:21
- b) Psalm 105:25
- c) Proverbs 21:1
- d) Daniel 4:25
- e) Amos 3:6
- f) John 1:13
- g) John 5:21
- h) John 12:39-40
- i) Acts 4:27-28
- j) Acts 13:48
- k) Romans 8:28-30
- l) Romans 9:11-13
- m) Romans 11:7
- n) Ephesians 1:4-6
- o) Ephesians 1:12
- p) 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5
- q) 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- r) 1 Peter 2:9
- s) Revelation 13:7-8



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## 6. What About Free Will?

### a) Preliminary comments on the will

(1) Free choice requires capability and desire

(2) One person's free choice does not, and cannot, rob another person of their free choice.

### b) Humans were created with free will

### c) Sin corrupted and enslaved the will

(1) True freedom was lost to slavery to sin

(2) Free choice remained, yet with a will of rebellion

(3) Biblical Support:

(a) Jeremiah 17:9

(b) Mark 7:21-23

(c) John 6:44, 65

(d) John 8:34-36

(e) Romans 6:16-18

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## 7. Pushback on a Calvinistic View of Predestination

### a) Election is corporate, not individual

(1) That is the case in some passages, but not all.

(2) The corporate entity comprises of individuals.

### b) Doctrine of prevenient grace

(1) Very difficult to support Biblically

(2) Difficult to harmonize logically with other verses

### c) Personal experience

(1) Scripture should interpret my experience.  
My experience should not interpret Scripture.

(2) Job learned that his "experience" was one small drop in the bucket of God's infinite wisdom and workings.

### d) Seems not fair

(1) With our limited knowledge and understanding, we are in no place to presume judgment on the One who holds all knowledge and understanding.

(2) By definition, the only part of this that is "not fair" is that any are saved at all.



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- e) Does this make us puppets?
- (1) This is not the loss of our choice, it's the gaining of freedom.
  - (2) We cannot theologically rob God of His will in defense of our own.
- f ) Predestination means God creates people to send to hell.
- (1) The doctrine of predestination is not the problem. Hell is the problem.
  - (2) Arminians have to explain how a good and loving God with all power lets His children run to hell.
  - (3) Calvinists and Arminians alike have to deal with the reality that people go to hell when He could prevent it.

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## B. Justification (Or the moment we're "saved")

1. Ordo Salutis (the red indicates salvation realities that happen functionally simultaneously)
  - a) Election (God's choice of people to be saved)
  - b) Gospel Call (proclamation of message of the Gospel)
  - c) Regeneration (being born again)
  - d) Conversion (faith and repentance)
  - e) Justification (right legal standing before God)
  - f) Adoption (membership into God's family)
  - g) Sanctification (being conformed to Christ-likeness)
  - h) Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
  - i) Death (spiritual presence with the Lord)
  - j) Glorification (receiving a resurrection body on the new earth)

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**2.** Regeneration

**a)** Definition:

**b)** Biblical Support:

- (1)** Ezkekiel 36:26-27
- (2)** John 1:13
- (3)** John 3:3-8
- (4)** 1 Peter 1:3, 23
- (5)** Acts 10:44

**3.** Conversion

**a)** Definition:

**b)** Biblical Support:

- (1)** Hosea 2:13-14
- (2)** James 2:19
- (3)** Acts 26:27-28
- (4)** Romans 10:14
- (5)** John 3:16

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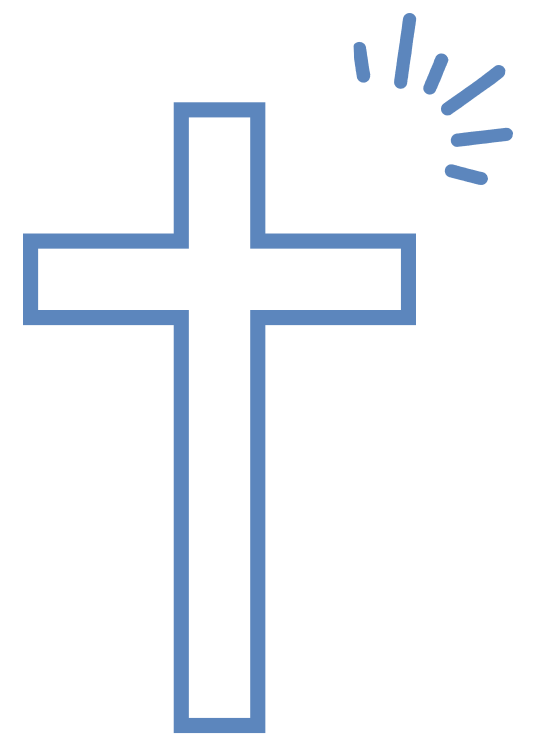


**4.** Justification

**a)** Definition:

**b)** Biblical Support:

- (1) Romans 8:30
- (2) Romans 3:26-28
- (3) Romans 5:1
- (4) Galatians 2:16
- (5) 2 Corinthians 5:21



**5.** Adoption

**a)** Definition:

**b)** Biblical Support:

- (1) John 1:12
- (2) Ephesians 2:3
- (3) Romans 8:14-17

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