

Calvinism vs Arminianism

Calvinism

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints

Arminianism

- Human Free Will
- Conditional Election
- Universal Atonement
- Resistable Grace
- Fall from Grace

Questions you may Have?

- How does free will fit into this?
- How are people responsible for where they go?
- What if someone wanted to be saved but was not predestined?
- So we don't need to do evangelism because God has chosen people?
- Why does God choose some and not others?
- How is it fair for God to choose some and not others and then send the ones he did not choose to hell?

A Project View

Created Perfect
(Free will)

Sin enters and
affects all
aspects of the
human heart

Free will does
not exist in the
same way that
it existed in the
beginning

No human left
in their natural
state wants God

Someone who
begins to love
Jesus is a result
of God taking
the initiative

Can Free Will and Sovereignty Coexist?

The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is
from the LORD. Proverbs
16:33

Here are two crucial
biblical truths that must be
held together – everything
we do is part of God's
plan, yet we are never
coerced and are
completely responsible for
our actions. Tim Keller

John Stott

Now everybody finds the doctrine of election difficult. 'Didn't I choose God?' somebody asks indignantly; to which we must answer 'Yes, indeed you did, and freely, but only because in eternity God had first chosen you.' 'Didn't I decide for Christ?' asks somebody else; to which we must reply 'Yes, indeed you did, and freely, but only because in eternity God had first decided for you.'

Scripture nowhere dispels the mystery of election, and we should beware of any who try to systematize it too precisely or rigidly. It is not likely that we shall discover a simple solution to a problem which has baffled the best brains of Christendom for centuries.



EPHESIANS

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GOD ADOPTS

1. Adopted Into a Family

- He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:18–19
- Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. Psalm 68:5

Sons of ...

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 1:4-5

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ ...

2. Adopted Before Time Began

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3. Enabled to Experience Adoption

John 14:16–20

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:4-7