



52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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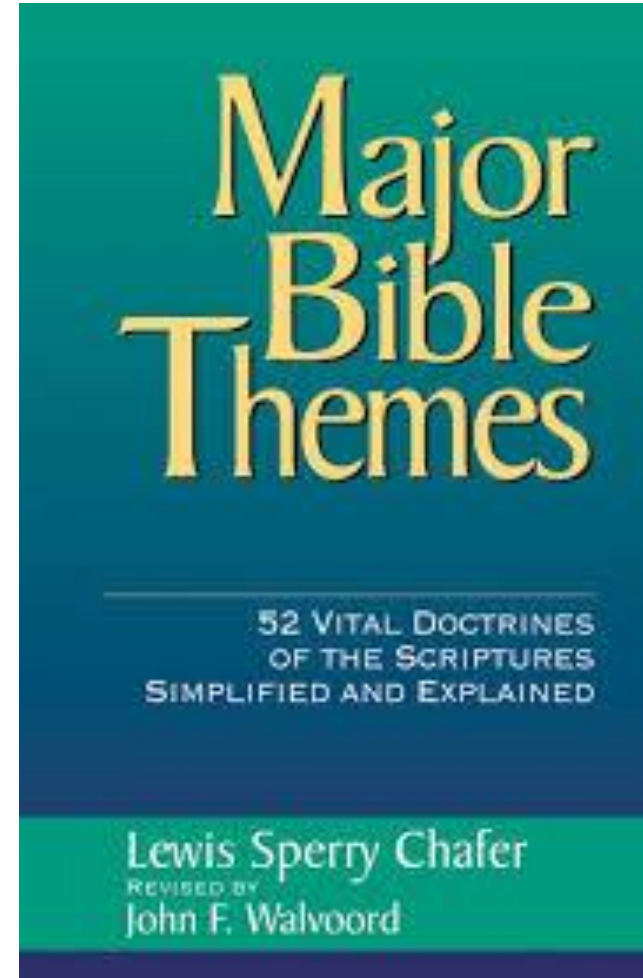
Chapter Thirty Four:

Divine Election

Step # One

MBT Chapter Thirty Four: Devine Election

Find the Outline



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1. Election **Defined**
2. **Fact** of Election
3. **Defense** of the Doctrine of Election

Understand It



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1. Election Defined

A number of expressions are related to the concept of election. A synonym for the word "election" is the word "chosen." It is applied to Israel, to the church, and also to the apostles. Other words are also used such as **foreordination** and **predestination**. The meaning behind all of the words is to **determine beforehand**, or to **ordain beforehand**. Also, there is frequent reference to this concept in the Bible, where the word "determine" is used. The thought in all of these terms is that God's choice precedes the act and is determined by His sovereign will.

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Still another term used is the word call. In John Jesus referred to this calling as a drawing of men to God.

Systems of human thought have tended to go either to one extreme where God's sovereign purpose is made absolute or to another extreme of magnifying the freedom of man until God is no longer in control. In attempting to resolve such a difficult problem, the only solution is to appeal to divine revelation and attempt to interpret human experience on the basis of what the Bible teaches.

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In Scripture, God's sovereign purpose extends to individuals as well as to nations. Israel is referred to an elect nation (Isa. 45:4; 65:9, 22

The term "elect" is frequently applied to individuals who are chosen to salvation. The term "elect" is also used of Christ. The fact of election is also mentioned in a number of scriptures. The thought in election is that the one or group mentioned is chosen for a divine purpose, usually related to salvation.

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2. Fact of Election

Although the doctrine of election is beyond human comprehension, it is clearly a doctrine of Scripture. By divine election God has chosen certain individuals to salvation and predestined them to be conformed to the character of His Son Jesus Christ. It is clear that the choice originates in God and that this choice is part of God's eternal plan.

Divine election is not an act of God in time, but rather a part of His eternal purpose. Because God's plan is eternal, election as an essential part of it must also be eternal.

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One of the knotty problems in the doctrine of election is the relationship of election to foreknowledge. One form of interpretation which tends to soften the concept of election builds on the idea that God foreknew those who would receive Christ, and on the basis of this foreknowledge elected them to salvation. This concept, however, has inherent problems as it seems to make God subject to a plan in which He is not sovereign.

Election and foreknowledge work together. God foreknew that no man in his free will would accept Christ so because of His love he elected some to be saved by drawing his free will to faith.

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3. **Defense** of the Doctrine of Election

Although some theologians have attempted to explain away the doctrine of election and to resolve the problem, in effect, by denying what the Scriptures teach, the arguments against divine election are usually based upon misunderstandings:

1. Election is represented as asserting that God is arbitrary. This, of course, arises from unbelief. God is sovereign, but His sovereignty is always wise, holy, good and loving.

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2. **Another objection** is often raised that this makes God unjust, as some are not included in His purpose of salvation. Here it should be observed that God is not obligated to save any and those whom He does save of their free will believe. No one is saved against his will, and no one disbelieves against his will. God draws the will to faith in Christ

3. **A very common objection to this doctrine is that it discourages missionary effort** to bring the Gospel to the lost and discourages those who desire to be saved. The answer, of course, is that God has included in His plan that the Gospel should be preached to every creature, and God desires the salvation of all

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4. **Still another objection is that if we are elected to salvation then the none elect are hopeless.** Scripture clearly emphasizes that some are elected to salvation, and the unsaved are destined for their lot, not because men who desired salvation were unable to secure it, but always on the ground that those who are unsaved chose to be unsaved.

Charles Spurgeon was once asked who are the elect? His response was “those who will believe”

Do we control the Chessboard?



Are we just Pawns?

**Some say we shouldn't study it because it
Creates Arguments...**

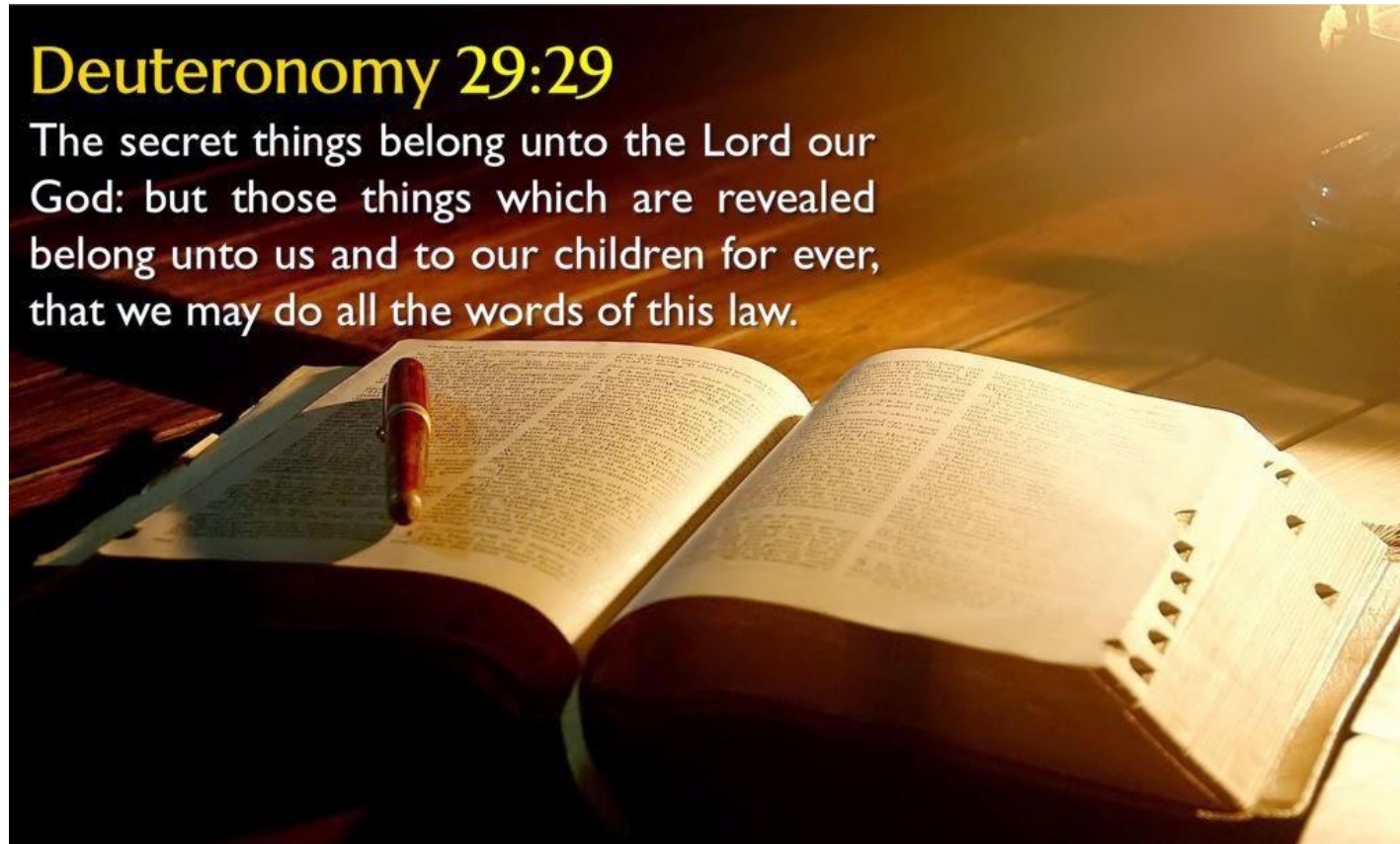


Some say that you shouldn't study it because it is unknowable

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God is pleased when we seek to know Him

Malachi 3:16 *Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*

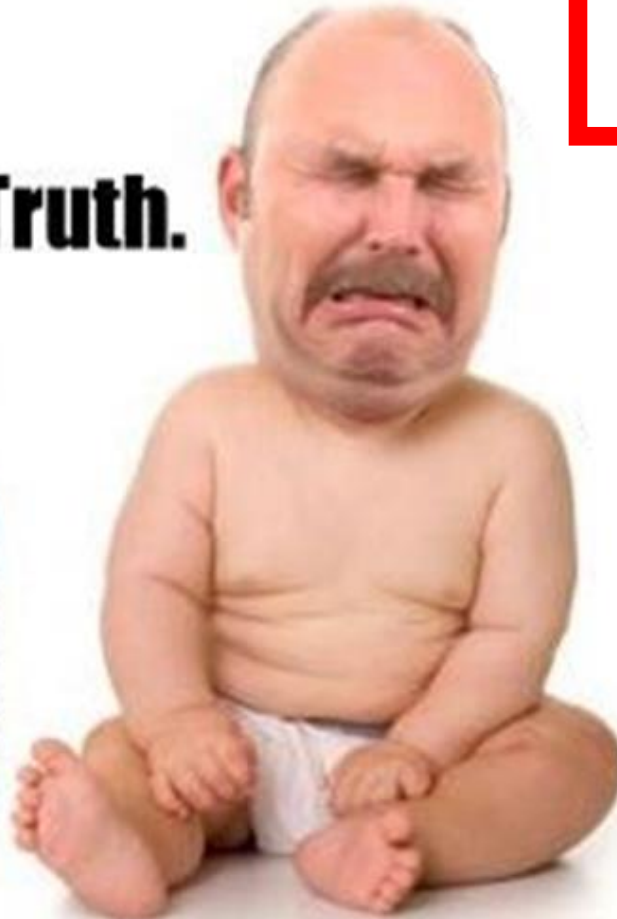
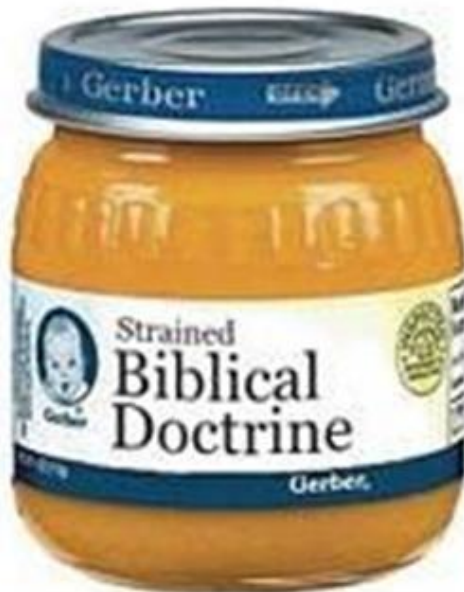


Some say that it is a study only for the mature in the family of God



Gerber Baby Christian Food

**Some can't
handle the Truth.**

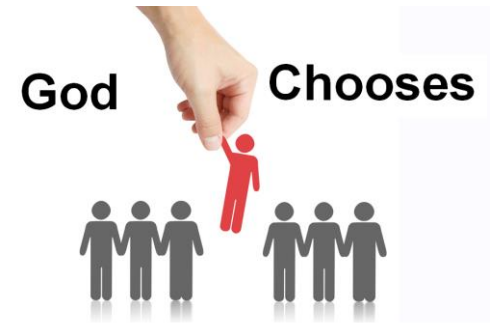


You have to eat to Grow!



If we don't understand Sovereignty and Free Will how can we understand our world?

- How can we understand the existence of Evil in our world?
- How can we reconcile God's sovereign choosing for salvation and man's free will
- Why do we witness if God chooses?
- Do prayers change the mind of a Sovereign God?
- Does God cause all natural disasters?

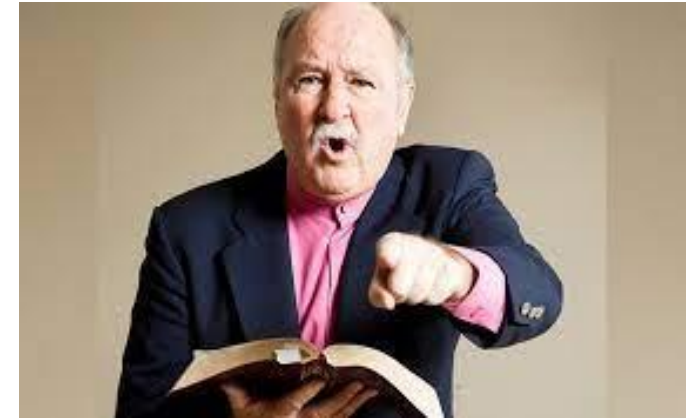


In the Christian Community...



There is apathy toward Theology

Keith Drury Associate Professor of Religion at Indiana Wesleyan University writes this...



***“Arminianism** has triumphed. **(Over Calvinism)** This great theological battle was won without warfare, with few debates, without "dueling magazine articles." How ironic that **in a day when theology no longer matters to most people**, one of the great theological battles of all times seems to have been settled.*

*Droves of Calvinists have become Arminians—at least in practice. **They have not become convinced the Bible really teaches the Arminian approach**. Frankly, Arminianism is simply more palatable to a secular culture. It "fits in" to the mind-set of the people in their pews. Like it or not, the secular mind is naturally Arminian in its outlook."*

There are two viewpoints on the relationship of the Sovereignty of God and the Free Will of Man



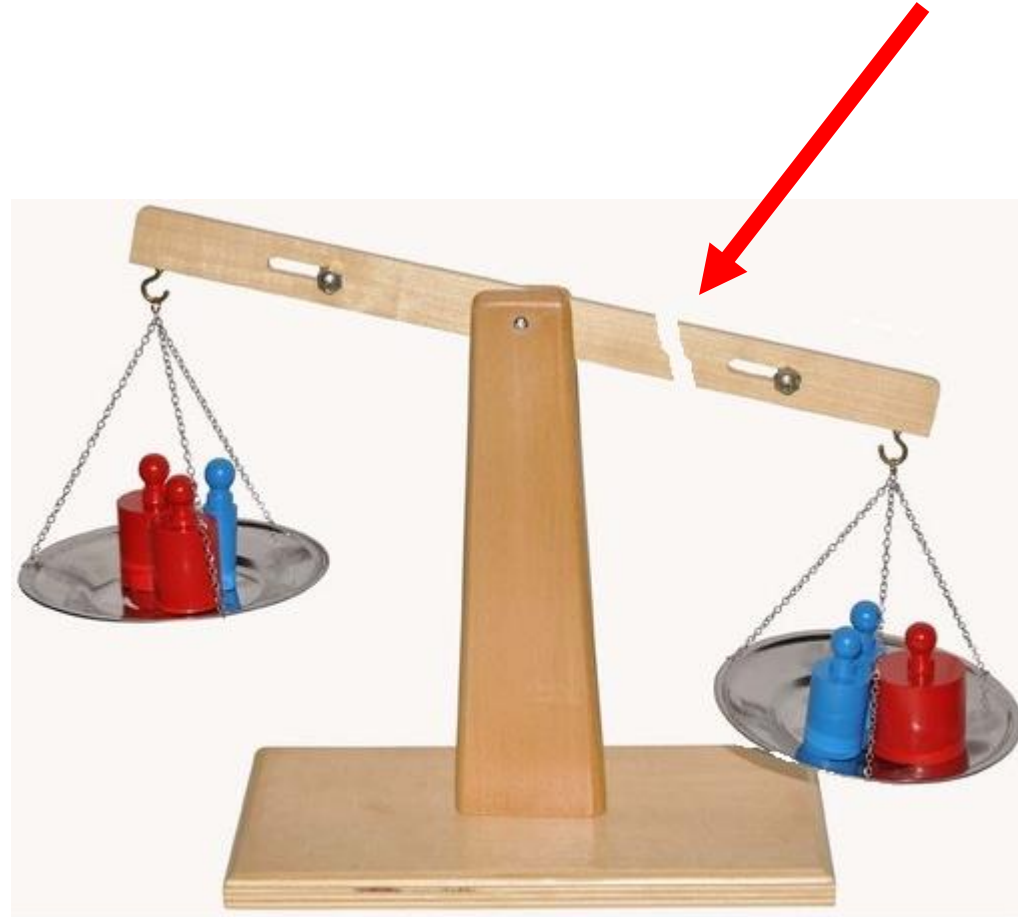
The question is what does the Bible teach?

God is a God of Balance

God has balances in Theology



In Establishing Balance it is Helpful to Establish Extremes



Hyper Calvinism breaks the balance...

They have a Sovereign God and an Inactive Man.

*“Sit down; if God pleases to convert the heathen,
He will do it without your aid or mine.”*



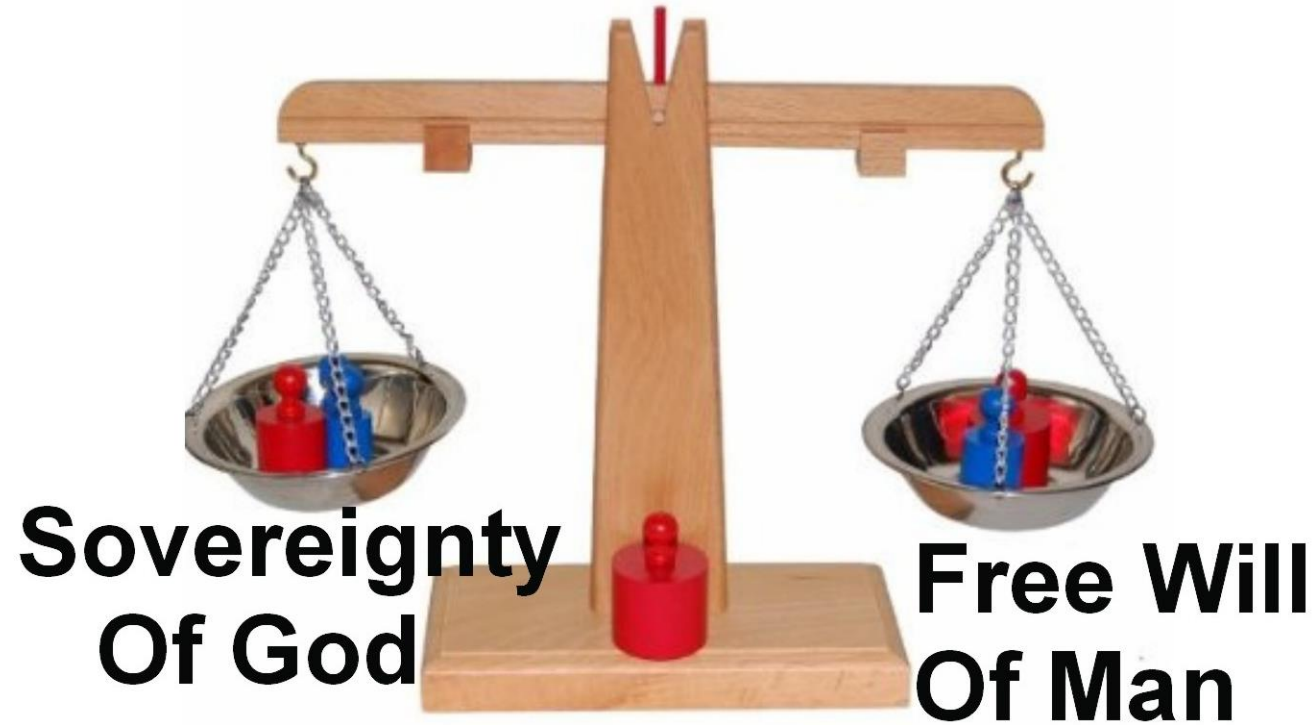
Hyper Calvinism is Fatalism

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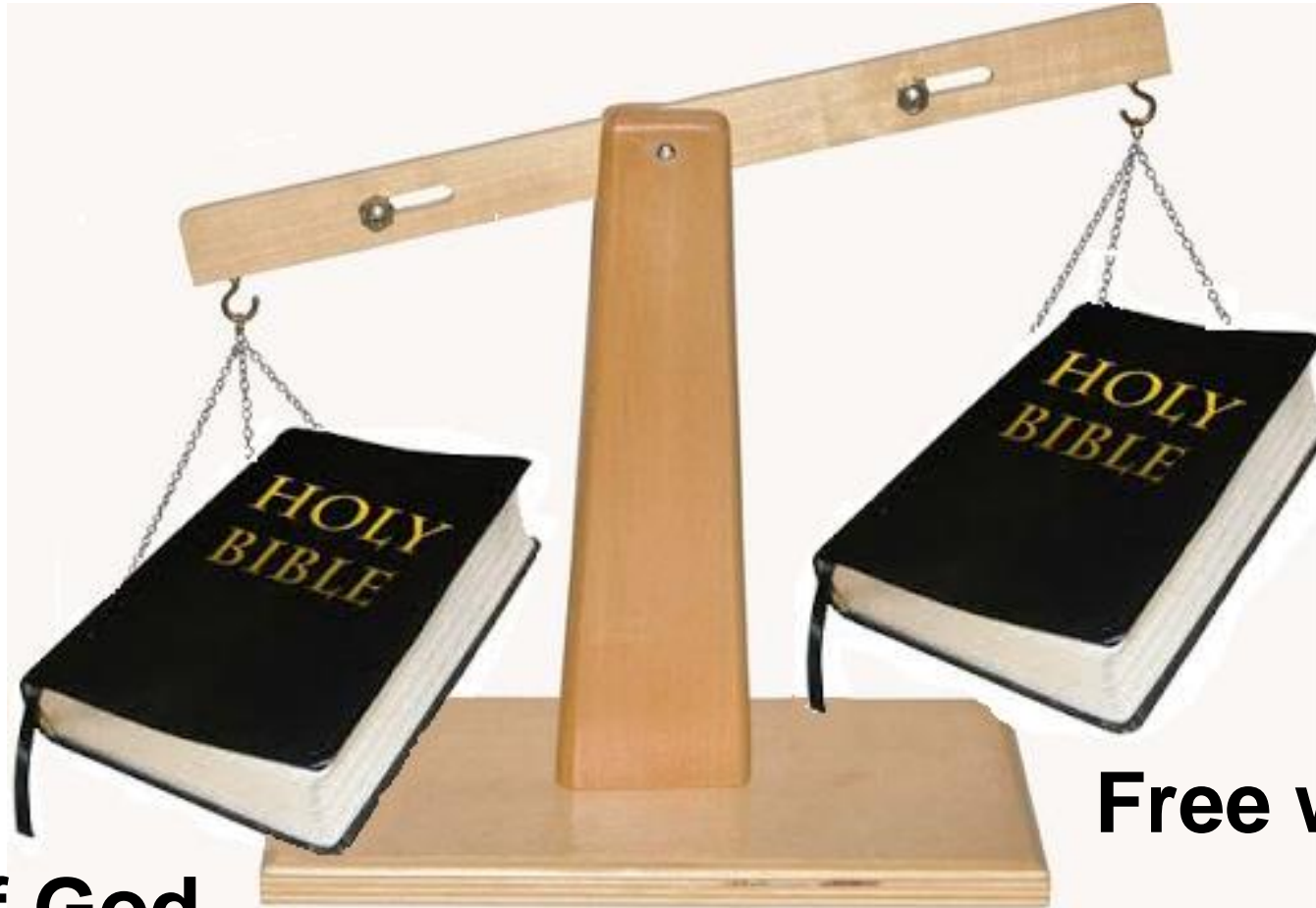


Hyper Arminianism is Humanism

We need to seek balance between these two seemingly divergent issues.



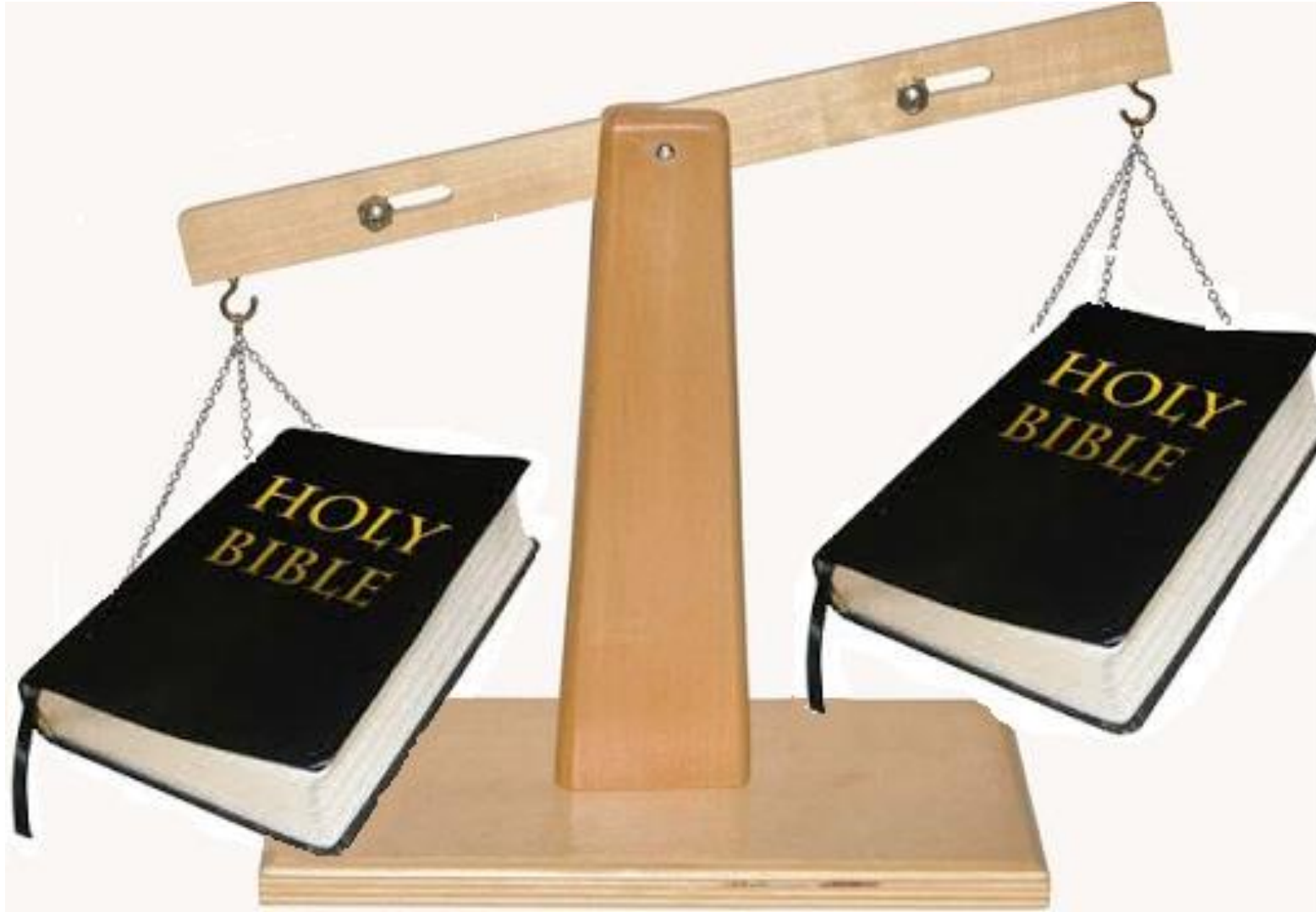
An approach to understanding difficult issues in the Bible...



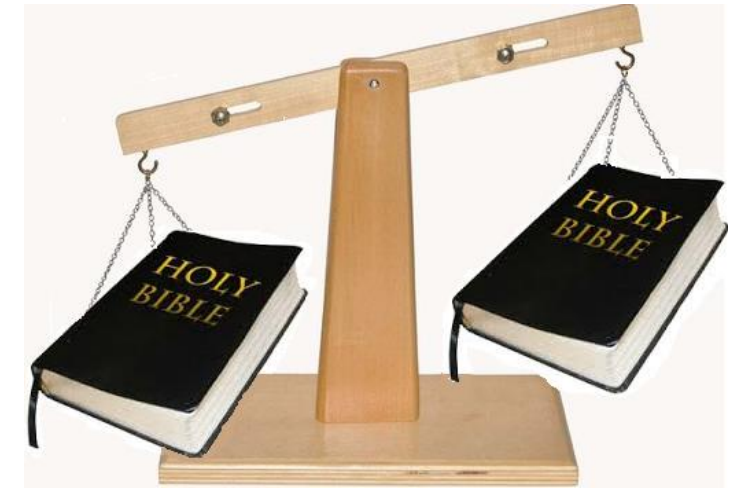
Sovereignty of God

Free will of Man

Just Where it tips the Balance is the Issue



Arminian Perspective on the Balance...



Keith Drury writes:

"If you are recently coming from the Calvinistic end, be careful not to pass right by the middle ground and run off to extreme Arminianism: man-centered humanism. Instead, if you stay on the Arminian side, but at the end near the Calvinist line, you'll be safe in these waters. If you want a name for that area—the area on the Arminian end, but just "a hair's breadth from Calvinism," some call this the "Wesleyan-Arminian" approach."

5 points of Arminianism

- (1) Partial Depravity –** Humanity is depraved but still able to seek God.
- (2) Conditional Election –** God only “chooses” those whom He knows will choose to believe.
- (3) Unlimited Atonement –** Jesus died for everyone, even those who are not chosen and will not believe.
- (4) Resistible Grace –** God’s call to be saved can be resisted and/or rejected
- (5) Conditional Salvation –** Christians can lose their salvation if they actively reject the Holy Spirit’s influence in their lives.

(4 point) Calvinism

(1) Total Depravity –

Man is totally depraved, spiritually dead and blind, and unable to repent.

(2) Unconditional Election –

His election is God's own decision, and is not based on the foreseen response of anyone's faith and repentance.

(3) Unlimited Atonement –

When Christ died on the cross, He shed His blood for everyone

(4) Irresistible Grace –

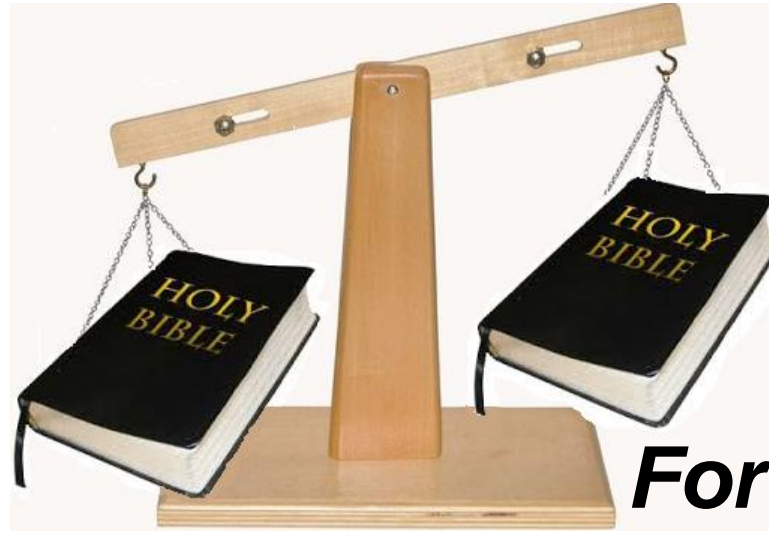
The internal call by God's grace cannot be resisted and always results in conversion

(5) Perseverance of the Saints –

God preserves the elect so they persevere to the end, so no chosen person will be lost

A Calvinist Perspective on the Balance...

***Advanced
Determination***



Foreknowledge

*“If you are recently coming from the Arminian end, be careful not to pass right by the middle ground and run off to hyper Calvinism: a sovereign God and an inactive man. Instead, if you stay on the Calvinist side, but at **the end near the Arminian line**, you'll be safe in these waters. If you want a name for that area—the area on the Calvinist end, but just **“a hair's breadth from Arminianism,”** some call this the **“Calvinist approach”** with a balanced understanding of **foreknowledge** and **advanced determination**.*

As we study these issues we don't want to beat people over the head with our Theology



Charles Spurgeon writes:



“Men will allow God to be everywhere but on his throne. They will allow him to be in his workshop to fashion worlds and make stars. They will allow Him to be in His almonry to dispense His alms and bestow his bounties. They will allow Him to sustain the earth and bear up the pillars thereof, or light the lamps of heaven, or rule the waves of the ever-moving ocean; but when God ascends His throne, His creatures then gnash their teeth.”

Keith Drury identified man's desire to have power as a source for the attraction to Arminianism...

“Frankly, Arminianism is simply more palatable to a secular culture. It “fits in” to the mind-set of the people in their pews. Like it or not, the secular mind is naturally Arminian in its outlook.”



Paul Menz framed the real reason we want the power...

“You just can't trust God to do what you want!”

Things we can know for sure...



About the Sovereignty of God

God is Sovereign



Daniel 4:35 *And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he (God) doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

Things we can know for sure about the Sovereignty of God



- 🔴 God is Sovereign
- 🔴 God Doesn't Change His Mind
- 🔴 God Didn't Create Evil
- 🔴 God Does no Evil
- 🔴 God is Good

Things we can know for sure...



About the Free Will of Man

Man has a Free Will

Josh 24:15... *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve...*



Man received a Free Will when...



Gen 2:7 *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became a living soul.***

Natural Man's Free Will is Corrupt...

It is corrupt because of a fallen heart

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

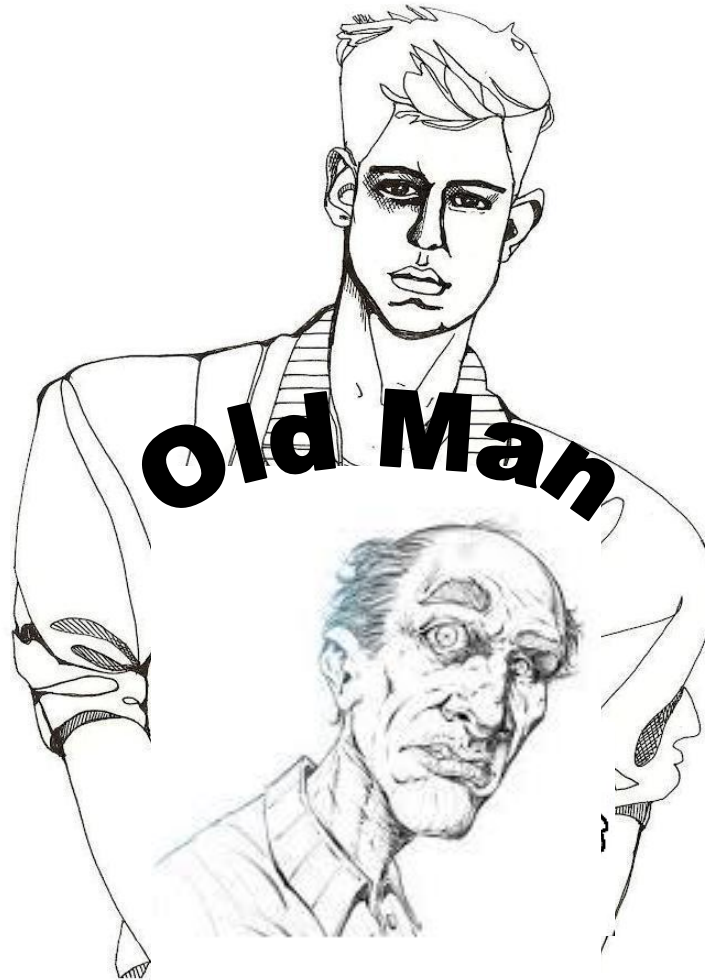


It is corrupt because of a fallen Spirit



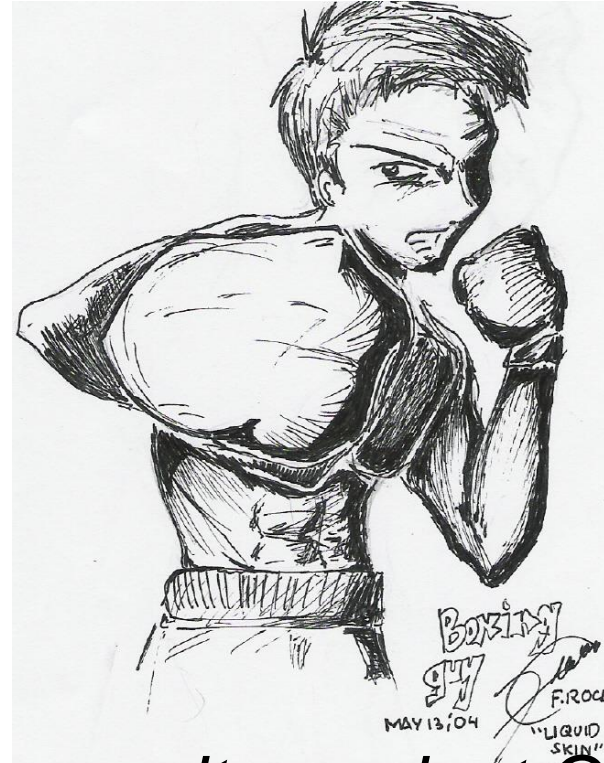
2Cor. 7:1 *“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit.*

The **Fallen Heart** and **Fallen Spirit** together is what the Bible calls collectively the **Old man**



Natural Man's Free Will is Corrupt not only because of our fallen nature...

Corrupt because we are enemies



Rom 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

Colossians 1:21 *And you, that were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

Natural Man's Free Will is Corrupt...

Therefore we can't please God

Romans 8:8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

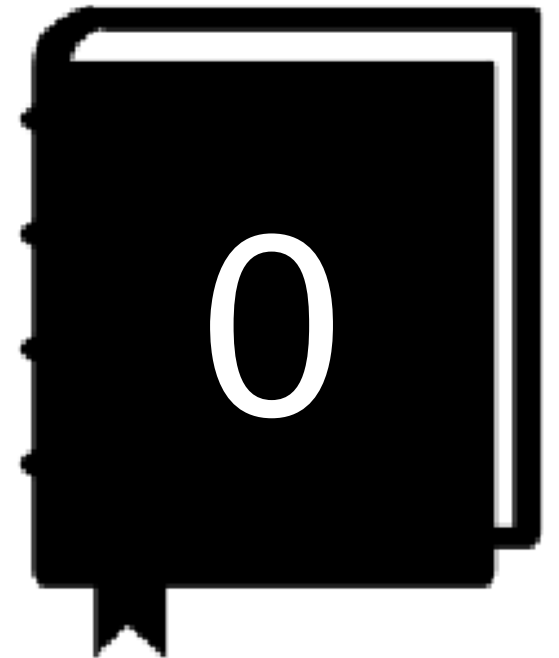
Even man's good deeds are Corrupt...

Proverbs 21:4 *An high look, and a proud heart and the plowing of the wicked is sin.*



Rom 3:10-18 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

- *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*
- *They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*
- *Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:*
- *Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness*
- *Their feet are swift to shed blood:*
- *Destruction and misery are in their ways:*
- *And the way of peace have they not known:*
- *There is no fear of God before their eyes.*



Natural Man's Free Will Choices are Corrupt...

They are corrupt because he won't choose for God



Rom 3:11 *There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God.*

Man lacks the power to make good free will choices

Jeremiah 10:23 *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps.*

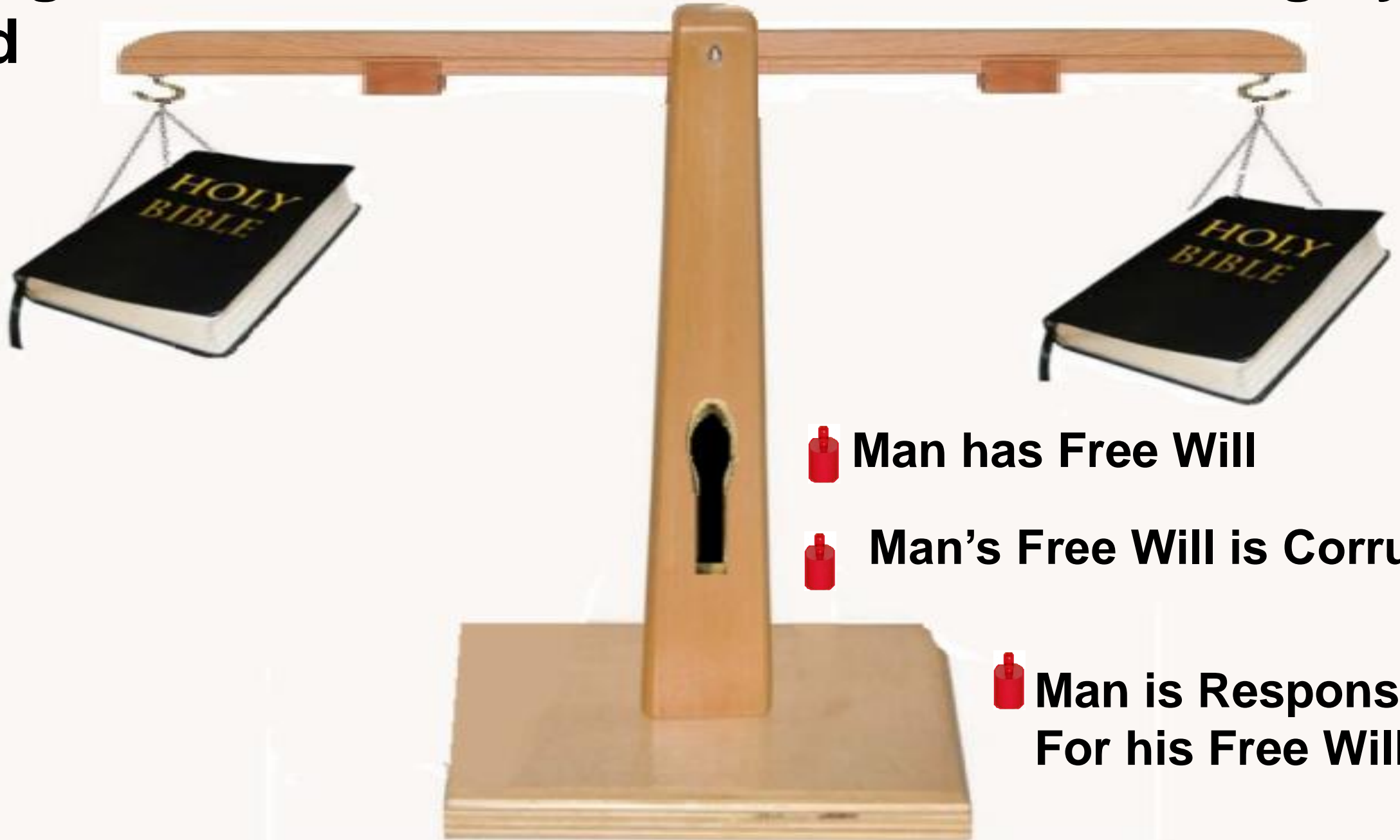


Man is Responsible for his Free Will

Job 19:4 *And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remains with myself*
Romans 14:12 *So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*



Things we can know for sure about the Sovereignty of God

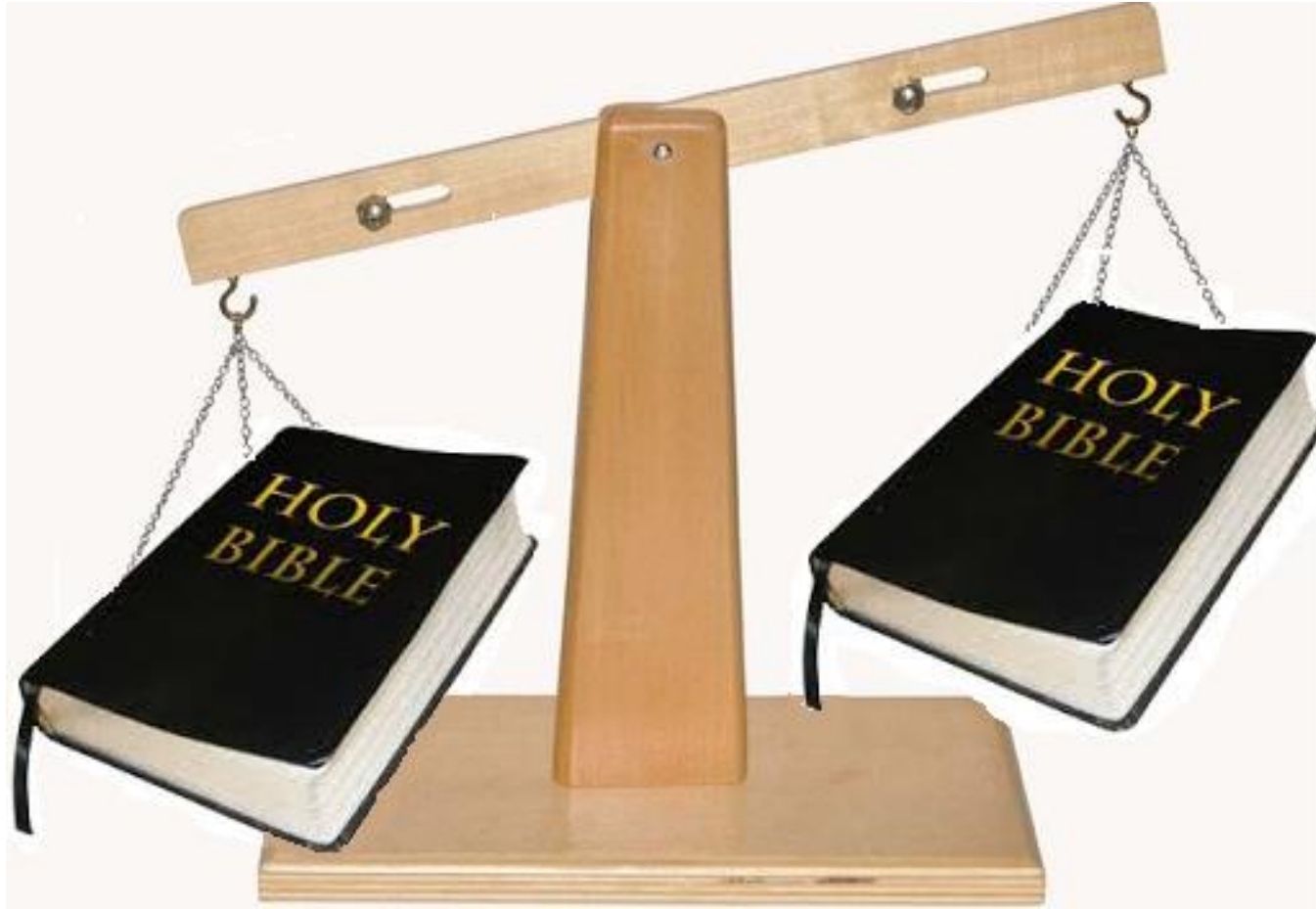


 **Man has Free Will**

 **Man's Free Will is Corrupt**

 **Man is Responsible
For his Free Will**

What is the rough balance?

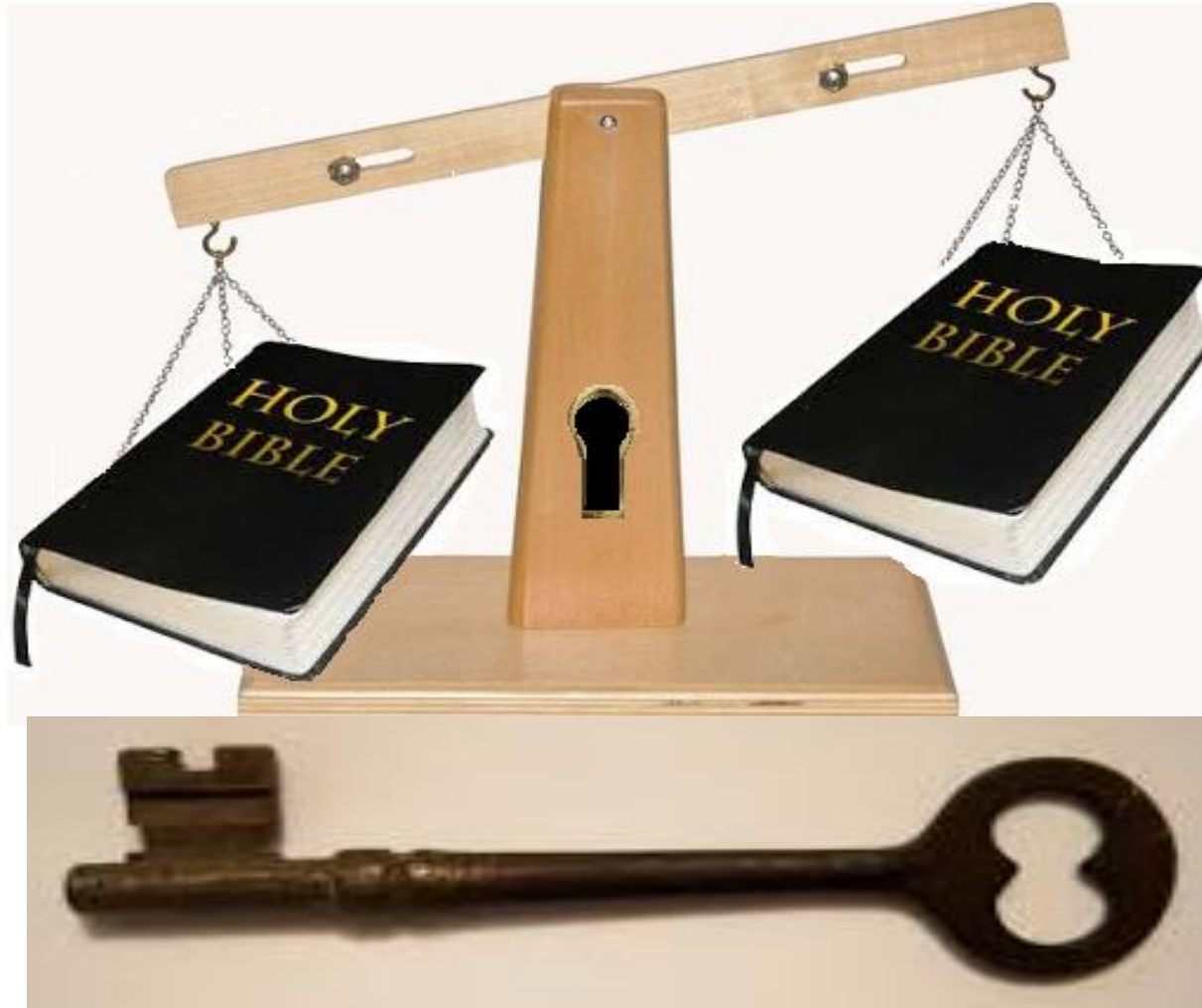


Sovereignty of God

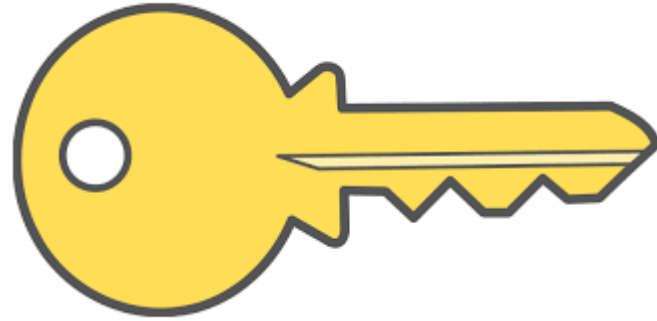
Free will of Man

How do we get the fine balance?

What is the key to unlock the fine balance?



Foreknowledge is the key



Foreknowledge is the first step in the logical order of God's Divine Decrees...

Rom 8:29-30 *For whom he did (1)foreknow, he also did (2)predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also (3) called: and whom he called, them he also (4) justified: and whom he justified, them he also (5) glorified.*



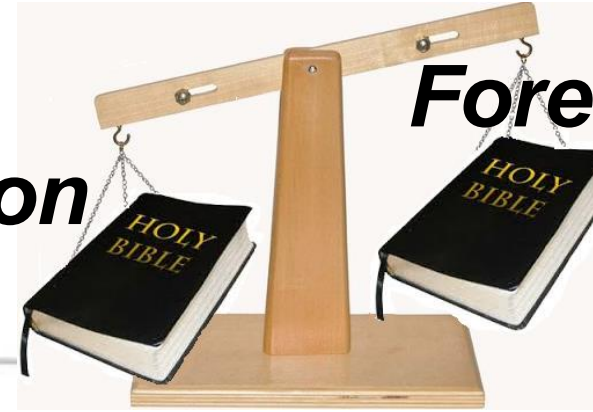
Donald Grey Barnhouse's definition of Foreknowledge:

*God's foreknowledge is an **advanced determination to carry through a plan which He has eternally purposed** in the counsels of His own will, and which is to be carried through without variation because the Lord brings to pass all that He has thus determined and decreed. God's **foreknowledge is not advance knowledge of something which I have chosen to do** but God's foreknowledge is God bringing to pass in me something which He has planned for me.*

How are we to understand the balance?



*Advanced
Determination*



Foreknowledge

Eternal Mind of God

Sovereignty

Free Will

1Pet. 1:2 **Elect** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father...

Man has a Free Will to choose the Cross



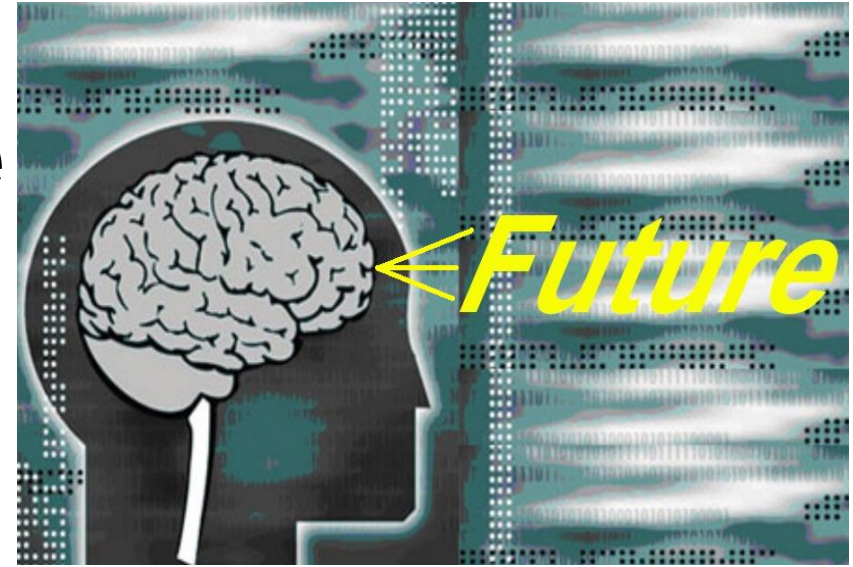
John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Man in his freedom of choice will never choose the Cross...



Rom 3:11-12 *There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. They are all gone out of the way...*

**God in His Advance Knowledge
Knew that man in his free will
would not choose the cross**



**God in His Advanced
Determination saves some**

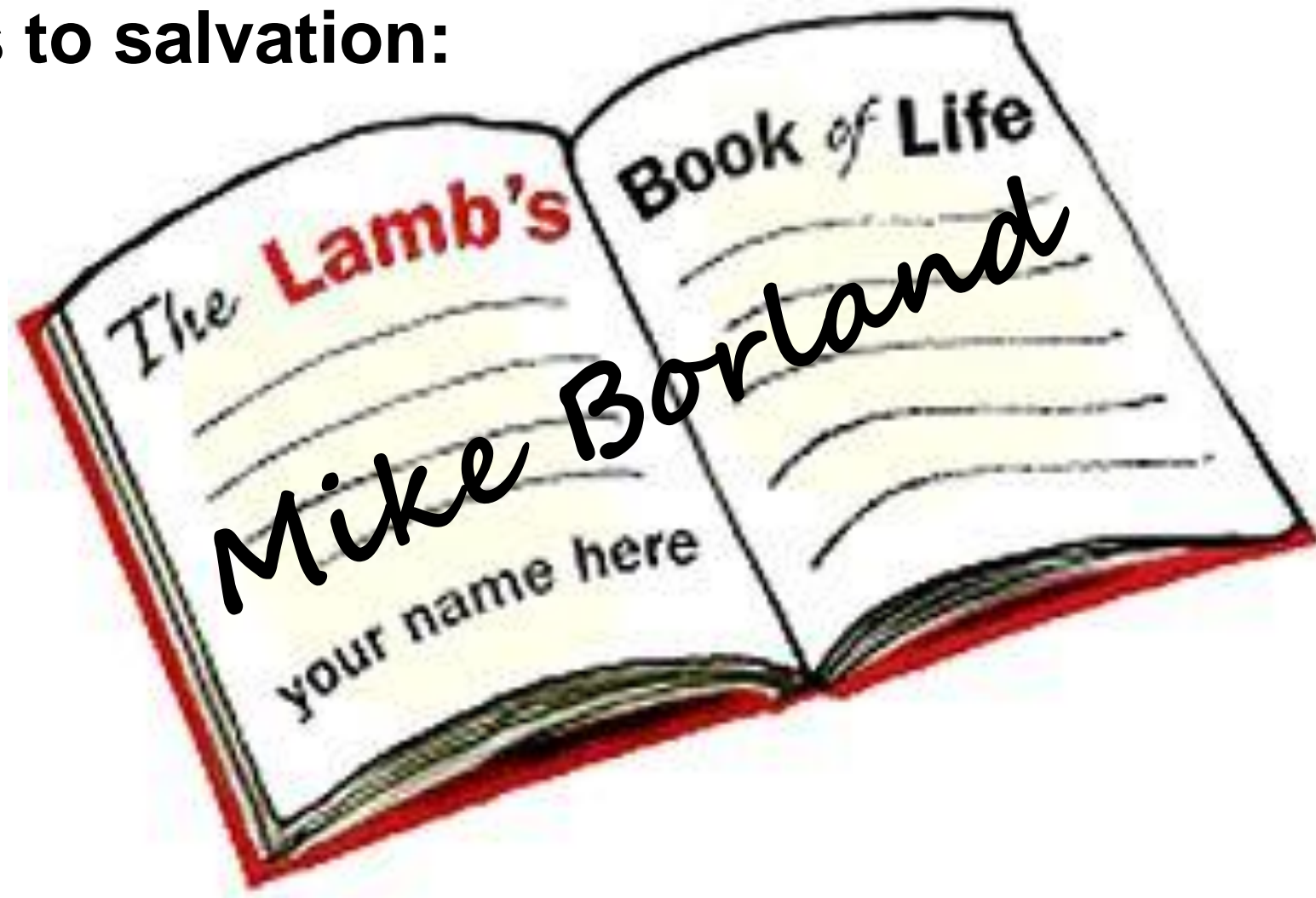


God Chooses Some to Salvation



2Thess. 2:13 ... *God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

God Ordains to salvation:



Act 13:48 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

God Orders Circumstances to salvation:



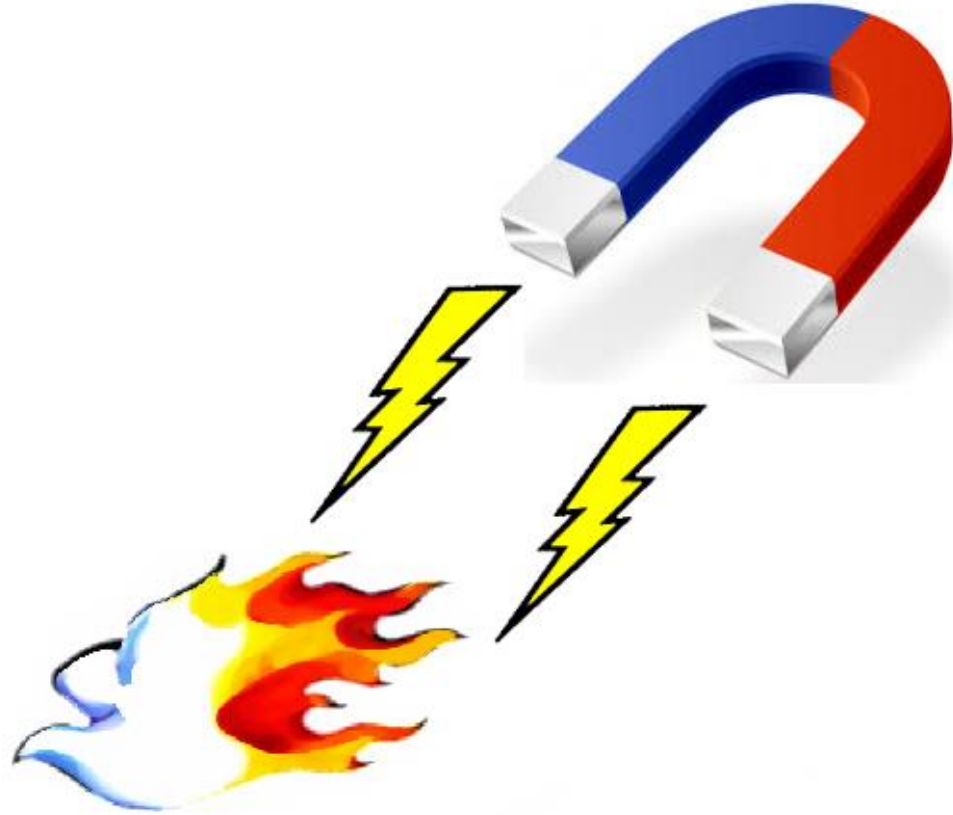
Act 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near,
and join thyself to this chariot.

God Draws...



John 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:*

That Drawing Force is the Holy Spirit...



John 16:8-9 *And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me...*

God Accomplishes salvation:

Rom 8:30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*



The Question is why didn't God Choose all to Salvation?



The Real Question is Why did God Choose Any?



How do I know if I am of the elect?

If you will believe!!



Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?



Have you believed enough to ask God for Jesus to be your savior?



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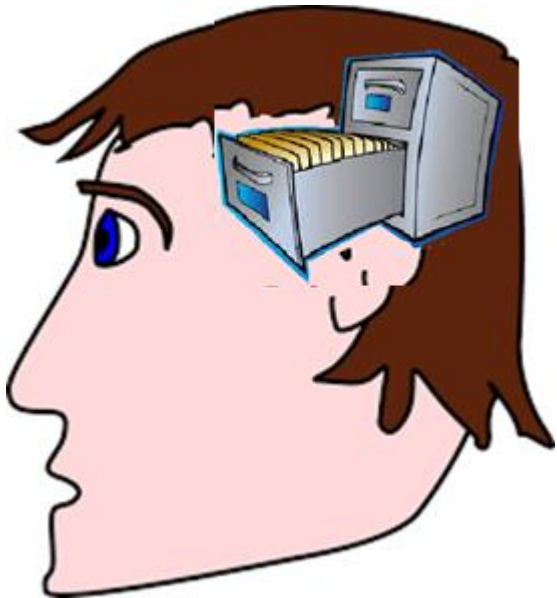
Memorize it



1. Election Defined

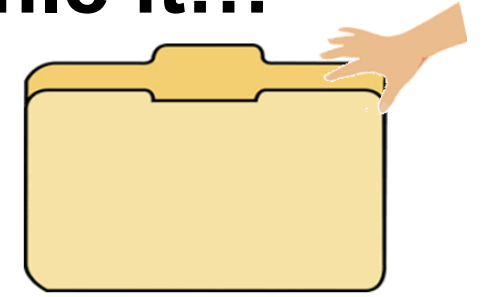
2. Fact of Election

3. Defense of the Doctrine of Election



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To file it...



1. Election **Defined**

2. **Fact** of Election

3. **Defense** of the Doctrine of Election

Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



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1. Election Defined

Foreordination

1Pe 1:20 *Who verily was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

Predestination

Rom 8:30 *Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Eph 1:5 *Having **predestinated** us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

Determine Beforehand

Act 4:28 *For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy **counsel determined before to be done.***

Ordain beforehand

Jud 1:4 *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were **before of old ordained to this condemnation**, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Eph 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath **before ordained** that we should walk in them.*

Determine

Luke 22:22 *And truly the Son of man goeth, as **it was determined**: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!*

Acts 2:23 *Him, being delivered by the **determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

Acts 17:26 *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*

Call

Rom 8:30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he **also called**: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

1Co 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom ye were **called** unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Mat 22:14 *For **many are called**, but few are chosen.*

Rom 11:29 *For the gifts and **calling of God** are without repentance.*

Draw

Joh 12:32 *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will **draw all men** unto me.*

Joh 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me **draw him**: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Elect

Elect applied to individuals

Mat 24:22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the **elect's sake** those days shall be shortened.*

1Pe 1:2 ***Elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

1Pe 5:13 *The church that is at Babylon, **elected together** with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.*

Tit 1:1 *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of **God's elect**, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;*

Rom 9:11 *(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the **purpose of God according to election** might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)*

Elect is used of Christ

1Pe 2:6 *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, **elect**, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

Israel is referred to an elect nation

Isa 45:4 *For Jacob my servant's sake, and **Israel mine elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.*

Election is according to God's divine purpose

Eph 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world... (compare V9)*

Eph 1:9 *...according to his good pleasure which **he hath purposed** in himself:*

Chosen

Chosen applied to Israel

Isa 44:1 *Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have **chosen**:*

Chosen applied to the church

Eph 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...*

2Th 2:13 *But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

Election is related to foreknowledge

Act 2:23 *Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and **foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

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2. Fact of Election

God has chosen certain individuals to salvation

Rom 16:13 *Salute Rufus **chosen in the Lord**, and his mother and mine.*

Ephesians 1:4 *According as he hath **chosen us in Him** before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*

Divine election is part of His eternal purpose.

2 Timothy 1:9 *...**according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus be fore the world began.**"*

3. Defense of the Doctrine of Election

Gods' mercy is shown in His longsuffering

Rom 9:22-23 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much **longsuffering** the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which he had **before prepared** unto glory,*

2Pe 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** toward us, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

MBT Chapter Thirty Four: Devine Election



1. Why is it reasonable to assume God has a sovereign plan for the universe?

Scripture reveals God as an absolute sovereign who by His own will has chosen to create the universe and to direct its history according to a foreordained plan. That God should be sovereign and should be able to execute such programs as He may be pleased to determine is in keeping with the concept of an infinite, omnipotent God.

2. To what two extremes have human thought tended to go in regard to God's sovereign purpose?

Systems of human thought have tended to go either to one extreme where God's sovereign purpose is made absolute or to another extreme of magnifying the freedom of man until God is no longer in control.

3. How can it be demonstrated that God's sovereign purpose extends both to individuals and to nations as well as to other groups?

Elect applied to individuals

1Pe 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

Israel is referred to an elect nation

Isa 45:4 *For Jacob my servant's sake, and **Israel mine elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.*

Elect is used of Christ

1Pe 2:6 *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, **elect**, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*

4.What are the various terms used to express the idea of election?

A number of expressions are related to the concept of election. A synonym for the word "election" is the word "chosen." It is applied to Israel, to the church, and also to the apostles. Other words are also used such as **foreordination** and **predestination**. The meaning behind all of the words is to **determine beforehand**, or to **ordain beforehand**. Also, there is frequent reference to this concept in the Bible, where the word "determine" is used, The thought in all of these terms is that God's choice precedes the act and is determined by His sovereign will.

5.What is the central idea of all the terms used relating to election?

The thought in all of these terms is that God's choice precedes the act and is determined by His sovereign will.

6.What is accomplished by divine election?

By divine election God has chosen certain individuals to salvation and predestined them to be conformed to the character of His Son Jesus Christ. It is clear that the choice originates in God and that this choice is part of God's eternal plan.

7.What evidence supports the idea that divine election was from eternity past?

Eph 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...*

8.How is election related to foreknowledge?

Election and foreknowledge work together. God foreknew that no man in his free will would accept Christ so because of His love he elected some to be saved by drawing his free will to faith.

9.How can the problem of the relationship between human freedom and divine election be solved?

In attempting to resolve such a difficult problem, the only solution is to appeal to divine revelation and attempt to interpret human experience on the basis of what the Bible teaches.

10.Explain how in the plan of God human freedom is included.

In considering the problem of divine election as related to human choices and moral responsibility on the part of man, the answer seems to be that in choosing a plan God chose the plan as a whole. He knew in advance, before the choice of a plan, who in this plan would be saved and who would not be saved. By faith we must assume that God chose the best possible plan. The plan included giving man some freedom of choice for which he would be held responsible. The fact that God knew under each plan what each man would do does not mean that God forced man to do something against his will and then punish him for it.

11.Explain how the crucifixion of Christ is an outstanding illustration of both freedom and the eternal plan of God

It was their free will but within God's plan of redemption

Acts 2:23 *Him, being delivered by the **determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken**, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

12. Why should an individual accept the doctrine of election even if he does not understand it?

Because God's word says it and it is abundantly referenced in the scripture.

13. How can the objections to election which allege that God is arbitrary and unjust be answered?

Scripture clearly emphasizes that some are elected to salvation, and the unsaved are destined for their lot, not because men who desired salvation were unable to secure it, but always on the ground that those who are unsaved **chose** to be unsaved.

14. How would you answer the objections that the doctrine of election discourages missionary effort?

The answer, of course, is that God has included in His plan that the Gospel should be preached to every creature, and God desires the salvation of all

15. Why was it necessary in the plan of God for some to be unsaved?

No one is saved against his will, and no one disbelieves against his will. It is necessary because man in his free will rejects Christ apart from the drawing of God

16.Does the doctrine of election give unsaved people an excuse for being unsaved?

No one will ever be able to stand before God and say, "I wanted to be saved but was unable to do so because I was not elected." The Bible over and over again says "whosoever will"

17.Is there evidence that God's plan is holy, wise and good, and that God is longsuffering and is actually concerned over the lost estate of those who refuse salvation?

Rom 9:22-23 *What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much **longsuffering** the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which he had **before prepared** unto glory,*

2Pe 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** toward us, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.*