

“Predestination is the Security of the Believers”

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Introduction: Whosoever believeth really does mean whosoever. A man really does have a choice.

TEXT: Eph. 1:3-6

1. Salvation is based on belief alone. **Eph. 2:8-9**
2. All men have the ability to believe, and this belief in Christ results in salvation for any man. **John 3:16**
3. Christ really did die for all men and all sin.
 - a. **Rev. 22:17, I Tim. 2:6, I John 2:2**
 - b. **II Cor. 5:19, Heb. 2:9**
4. Man is entirely depraved and cannot do any good thing before the eyes of a Holy God. **Isa. 64:6, Rom. 3:10-12**
5. All men are condemned (judged and found guilty) before they either accept or reject Christ. **John 3:18**
6. Man is condemned by the sin of unbelief **John 3:18 Rom. 1:21**
7. Man is dead in trespasses and sins **Eph. 2:1,5,8, Col. 2:13**
8. God is sovereign (That He can do anything He wants, and has no obligation to save anyone.) Enough said.
9. In His sovereignty, God has given man a free choice (will), because that’s what God wanted to do. Just because man has a free will, doesn’t mean God isn’t allowed to influence man’s will.

God seeks to get the lost man to believe, but does not make him. God seeks his children to serve him, but will allow them to rebel.

 - a. **John 5:40**
 - b. **Ex. 7:13; 8:15, 19** God does harden those who have hardened themselves.
10. The destination of believers is predetermined. (**Rom. 8:29**) The destination is to be conformed to the image of His dear Son. This will take place completely in heaven.
11. God knows everything. **Heb. 4:13**
 - a. Chafer: “He knows perfectly and eternally all that is knowable whether actual or possible.”
 - b. **Matt. 11:21** “...if the miracles had...they would have...”
12. It is God’s will that all go to be with Him in heaven. **I Tim. 2:4, Matt. 23:37**
13. It is God’s will that all believers walk worthy...unto good works. **Eph. 2:10**
14. Men became “chosen ones” through belief; result of their choice, not God’s. **II Thes. 2:13**

Then read it “God has chosen you through faith.”
15. Grace appears to all men for all men **Titus 2:11, John 1:9**
16. Grace is resistible - not all men are saved. **Gal. 2:21, I Tim. 2:4**