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WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL TRUTH?

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32

FOR YOU –Are we all predestined? Do we have free will? This discussion has been nurtured for centuries, from St Augustine and being emphasized by John Calvin (Grace) for whom the sovereignty of God was total, predetermining all that happens. Arminianism (legalism) opposes the Grace of God, emphasizing freewill, man’s responsibility regarding his salvation and denying that all things have been predetermined from eternity.

Legalism vs. Grace of God

Legalism	Grace of God
FREE WILL	MAN'S TOTAL DEPRAVITY
Even if the human nature was affected by the sin, in the man’s fall, he didn’t lost all his capability to choose God. (Isaiah 55:7; John 12:32; John 17:21)	Because of the man’s fall the sinner is incapable to be the target since he is already dead, blind and death to all things that belongs to God. (Ephesians 2:1; Romans 3:10-12)
God makes the sinner capable in order to, for his own will, to regret and to believe. (John 1:12; John 5:40)	A man’s heart is deceitful and wicked. Your will is not free because he is a slave to sin. (Psalm 51:5; Jeremy 13:23)
Every sinner has the free will and his destiny is	A man doesn’t want, he can’t choose the right or

determined by him. (Matthew 25:41,46)	to rebound the bad. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
A sinner can cooperate with the Holy Spirit and be saved or to resist and be lost forever. (Romans 14:10)	God takes the initiative giving the gift of faith, making the man revive spiritually. (Ephesians 2:8)
A sinner needs the help from the Holy Spirit, and his is regenerated after he believes only. (Isaiah 55:7)	The Holy Spirit seals and regenerate, gives life and a new creation. (Titus 3:5)
The faith is a gift from the sinner to God, and his contribution to salvation. (Acts 16:30-31)	The faith is the gift from the grantee to God for the salvation of the sinner. (Galatians 3:23)
CONDITION ELECTION	UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION
God foresaw those who accept salvation and predestined the saved ones. (Deuteronomy 30:19)	God chose some people for salvation before the foundation of the world by his sovereign will. (Ephesians 1:4)
God chose only those that He saw beforehand who would believe by their own will. (John 8:24)	The election is not based on prior knowledge of a response or act of obedience of the sinner. (John 6:65)
Future work of the saved determine their election. (James 2:17)	The election is not determined or conditioned by any virtue or works of men. (Ephesians 2:9; 2 Timothy 1:9)
The faith that God saw in man, which was based election, was not given by the Holy Spirit but it is the man's own will. (1 Peter 1:2)	The one whom God has chosen for its sovereignty is moved by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:48)
Belong to man the prerogative of those who will believe and who will be chosen for salvation. The cause of salvation is a decision of the sinner. (Revelation 22:17)	The fundamental cause of salvation is the sinner's election by God (2 Thessalonians 2:13)
HIS SACRIFICE FOR WHOLE WORLD	HIS SACRIFICE FOR THE CHOSEN

<p>The sacrifice of Christ makes it possible for anyone to be saved, but does not guarantee eternal salvation to anyone. (1 Timothy 2:4)</p>	<p>Christ was sacrificed to redeem his people, and he opened the door only for the Chosen ones. (John 17:6-9)</p>
<p>The redemption of Christ is effective if the man accept it. (2 Peter 3:9)</p>	<p>The gift of faith is given by the Spirit to all for whom Christ died guaranteeing eternal salvation. (Jude 1:24)</p>
<p>THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY WEATHERED</p>	<p>THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN NOT BE WEATHERED</p>
<p>The call of the Holy Spirit can be resisted since man is free. The Spirit cannot regenerate the sinner if he does not want. Free will limit the Holy Spirit. (Luke 18:23)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit calls the elect and the Grace of God is infallible, convinces the sinner, converts it, gives you life and sanctify it. (1 Corinthians 1:30)</p>
<p>The Holy Spirit can only bring to Christ those who allow it. Grace is not irresistible, it can be frustrated. (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit draws the elect and saves because it is not limited to man's will. Grace is irresistible, always results in the salvation of the elect. (Colossians 2:13)</p>
<p>SALVATION CAN BE LOST</p>	<p>SALVATION CANNOT BE LOST</p>
<p>The saved can lose their salvation by a sin or by not persevere in the Church. Only who endures to the end shall be saved. (Hebrews 6:6)</p>	<p>Todos os escolhidos por Deus, redimidos e que receberam o Espírito Santo são salvos eternamente e perseveram até o fim. All chosen by God, redeemed and that receive the Holy Spirit are eternally saved and endure to the end. (Hebrews 10:39; 1 Corinthians 5:5)</p>

FINAL WORDS: The salvation is effected by the omnipotence and sovereignty of God. The true manifestation of One God, the Father has chosen people for whom His Son died and the Holy Spirit leads to receive faith and to repent. The election, redemption and regeneration is God's work and it is only by Grace. Therefore God, not man, determines who the ones are that receive the gift of salvation.

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THE TWO PHASES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

FOR YOU – The church of Jesus, lacking in revelation, has served Christ in flesh, which came to fruition of the law with its mandates, ceremonies, ablutions, sacrifices, thus leaving to live in the New Covenant of the resurrected Christ with his promises and eternal blessings.

“Grow In the Grace To be Formed In it”, Recognizing The Position in Christ: Security, Sanctity, Inheritance

- “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6)
- “He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness...” (Colossians 1:13)
- “For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever...” (Hebrews 10:14)
- “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable...” (1 Peter 1:23)
- “...Keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence...” (Jude 24)
- We have the guarantee that our salvation is forever.

Some verses as reference: