

Scripture on Election

Matt. 7:13 Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.

Matt. 7:14 For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Matt. 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.+

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

John 1:13 who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.+

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who come to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.+

John 6:65 And He was saying, For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it had been granted him from the Father.+

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you...+

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Acts 2:22-23 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you be God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in you midst, just as you yourselves know 23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Acts 4:27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, who Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28. to do what ever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

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Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Eph. 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

Eph. 1:5 In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

Rom. 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestines to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren;

Rom. 8:30 and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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Col. 3:12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

1Thes. 1:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you;

2Thes. 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2 Tim. 1:9 who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

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James 1:18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

1 Peter 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you;

Grace

- Grace** is God acting freely, according to His own nature of love, with no promise or obligations to fulfill.
- Grace**, therefore, is uncaused in those who receive it; its cause lies wholly in the giver – GOD
- Grace** has no debts to pay or fulfilled conditions on man's part to wait for, it can act toward whom and how it pleases. It can and does often place the worst deservers in the highest favors.
- Grace** cannot act where there is ability; **Grace** does not help – it is absolute, IT DOES ALL!!

Grace

- There is no cause in the person why **Grace** should be shown – the person must be brought from trying to give cause to God for His **Grace**.
- The discovery by a person that He is truly the object of **Grace** should produce utmost humility.
- Therefore flesh has no place in the plan of **Grace**. This is why **Grace** is hated by the proud, natural mind of man.

Born Again → Seeks God → Sons/Children of God → No Condemnation → Made Alive → Slaves of Christ/Righteousness → Heaven

Jn. 3:1-3 Rom. 3:10 Jn. 1:12 Rom. 8:16 Rom. 8:1 Eph. 2:5 Rom. 6:18 I Jn. 5:13

IMPUTED SIN - OUR SIN IS IMPUTED TO CHRIST (1 COR. 5:17)
IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS - CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IMPUTED TO US - GIVES US THE NEW DIVINE NATURE - (ROM. 5:17, II COR. 5:17)

SOVEREIGN GRACE

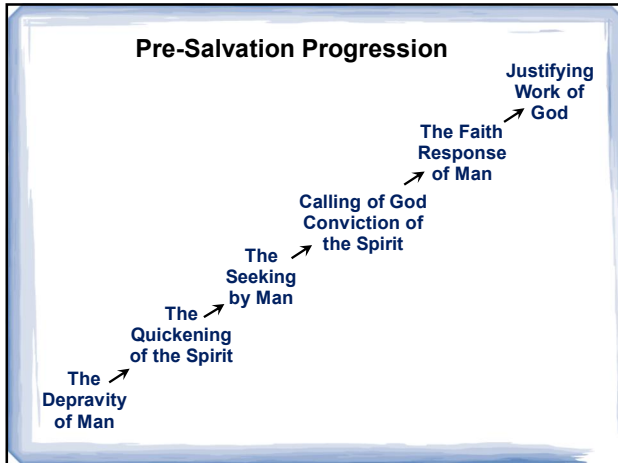
Eph. 2:4 - "But God . . ." Eph. 2:8,9 Eph. 1:3 Acts 13:48 Jn. 1:12,13 Matt. 22:14 Jn. 6:37	Jn. 6:44 Jn. 6:65 Jn. 15:16 Rom. 8:29,30 Gal. 3:12 I Thes. 1:4 II Thes. 2:13	II Tim. 1:9 James 1:18 I Pet. 1:12 II Pet. 1:10 Rom. 11:5
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Born In Sin → No One Seeks God → Aliens → Damned/Condemned → Dead → Slaves of Sin → Hell

Psa. 51:5 Rom. 3:10 Eph. 2:19 Rom. 5:16 Eph. 2:1 Rom. 6:6 Rev. 20:15

IMPUTED SIN	INHERITED SIN	UNPARDONABLE SIN
Physical Death	Spiritual Death	Eternal Death

IMPUTED SIN - COMES FROM ADAM AND IS IMPUTED DIRECTLY TO US (ROM. 5:12,13)
INHERITED SIN - PASSED ON TO EVERY PERSON FROM PARENTS - GIVES US THE OLD SIN NATURE - (ROM. 3:23, EPH 2:1-3)



The Calling of God

External Calling – goes out to the entire world

Internal Calling – goes out to the elect

External Call of God "Whoever Will..."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.+

Acts 2:21 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.+

Acts 10:43 Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.+

Rom. 10:13 Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.+

Matt. 22:14 Many are called...+

<p>The Elect+</p>	<p>Internal Call of God</p> <p>Eph. 1:4 % just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.+</p> <p>Acts 13:48 % as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.+</p> <p>1 Peter 1:1,2 % who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God.+</p> <p>2Thes. 2:13 % God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation.+</p> <p>John 15:16 % you did not choose Me, but I chose you...+</p> <p>Matt. 22:14 % few are chosen.+</p>
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Why Does God Have an External Call and an Internal Call?

God uses the foolishness of preaching as His means+or instrument by which He saves the elect.

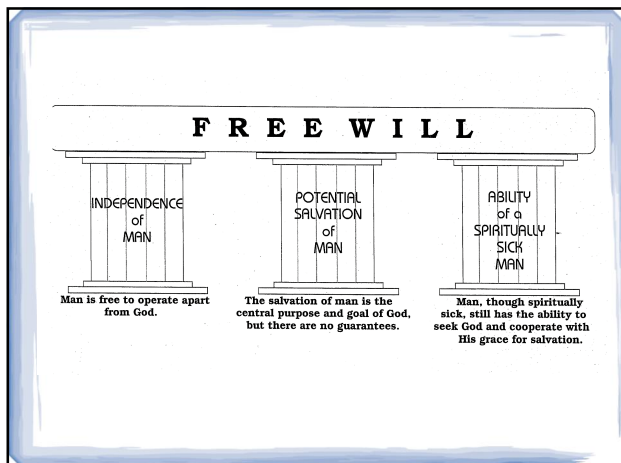
Rom. 10:14-15
14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, **"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"**

The general call goes out and the elect heed and believe the gospel due to the effectual calling.
God is heaping guilt upon those who reject the gospel . for He is not asking them to do anything but believe the word that is %hear them, in their mouth, and in their heart.+

Why Does God Have an External Call and an Internal Call?

Rom. 10:8
But what does it say? **The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,** --- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching.

God uses the external call to effectuate the internal call. This is why Paul was willing to suffer so to preach the gospel: %for this reason I also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory+ 2 Timothy 2:10



Man's "Free" Will

I. What does it mean for something to be free?

1. not under another's control; not a captive or slave.
2. not held back from acting or thinking as one pleases.
3. not affected or restricted by any condition or circumstance.
4. not imprisoned or enslaved.
5. not controlled by obligation or the will of another.
6. not subject to external restraint.

Is man's will totally free?
Is God's will totally free?

Does God Have Free Will?

God **does** have free will in that He freely can act in ways that are good and that conform to His character. What is good and even possible is tied to the very essence of God Himself. This doctrine is called **essentialism**.

Think first about God's omnipotence. God is certainly all powerful, but this does not mean that He exercises His power in an evil manner. He always acts freely in accordance with His nature or essence.

This means that God does not violate His nature. For example, it would be impossible for God not to exist and then to put Himself into existence. This would violate God's essence. By nature, God is a non-contingent being.

Does God Have Free Will?

We must think about God's free will, then, in this way:

He is absolutely free in that there is no higher being that can prevent Him from exercising His will.
Rom. 9:19 You will say to me then, ~~Why~~ why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?+

His exercising of His free will, however, is never apart from His essence which is good!

So just as God cannot not exist because it violates His essence, He never does evil because it is not His nature.

The Problem With Human Free Will

The problem with human free will is that it is in bondage to do evil. Rom. 8:8 states that ~~those~~ those who are in the flesh cannot please God.+

The flesh represents the sphere of man that is opposed to the things of God. Our free will is also limited by God. If a man, for example, wanted to destroy the whole world which would be great evil, God would restrain him from doing so. If God wanted to destroy the whole world . no one could restrain Him!

Does God Have Free Will?

Bottom line: Just because God always exercises His will according to His nature does not mean that He does not have free will.

Humans, on the other hand, have a will that is in bondage to sin, and one that is limited by the omnipotent hand of God.
