

## “Predestination is the Security of the Believers”

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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 resistable - not all men are saved. Gal. 2:21, I Tim. 2:4

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