

# “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**