

of the truth. And from **2 Peter 3:10** we see that God doesn't want any to perish but for everyone to come to repentance. Since God can't contradict Himself, all statements on the nature of our salvation have to be consistent with these two.

Then you have **Matt. 7:7-8** Where Jesus says everyone who asks receives, **John 3:16** that says Jesus died for the world so that whosoever believes will not perish, **John 6:28-29** that says belief in the one He sent is the only thing God requires of us, **Romans 10:13** where Paul promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, and others.

Put these all together and it becomes clear that salvation is available to everyone who asks. Otherwise how could he send a strong delusion to deceive those who are perishing because they refused to love the truth and be saved (**2 Thes. 2:10**)?

The Judgment Seat of Christ

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

Those who endorse "election" must realize that if it is impossible for a Christian to resist God's electing or choosing for service, then that

Christian must have his old nature eradicated when he was saved. Rather, this verse reveals to us that we are responsible for our actions.

We are going to be judged at the judgment Seat of Christ for our rewards or loss of rewards according to what we have done. It is our choice. In other words, if we were programmed to serve Christ with no choice or free will, then why be judged for something we are not responsible for?

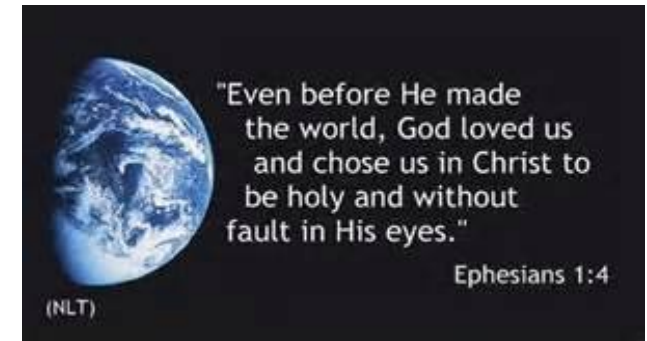
We find in our criminal courts today that a person judged mentally incompetent is not held responsible for what they do. The court would not judge a person guilty or not guilty if one is incapable of being responsible.

If we were elected to serve Christ with no free will, then we would make no decision that is contrary to God's will. We would never get in a backslidden condition. The doctrine of election attacks the Word of God from every angle. It is never complimentary to God's Word nor does it agree with God's Word. Remember, *"we must ALL appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ."*

You see, we stand responsible for the decisions that God allows us to make with our free will.

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Chosen for Salvation?



False doctrine illuminated

False doctrine can only be built upon bits and pieces of Scripture, extracted out of context and clothed with humanistic ideologies. Restoring these Scriptures and examining them in their proper context will restore a solid foundation of sound doctrine and illuminate the false doctrine of predestination and election for salvation. We are told in 2 Timothy 2:15 to *"rightly divide the word of truth."* We are not to whack out pieces of Scripture to support our own man-made doctrine!

The doctrine of election

The Doctrine of Election is a misapplication of Scripture that began by confusing Israel and the Church. It's clear that Israel was chosen by a sovereign act of God. There was nothing to commend Abraham and his descendants above the other nations. In **Deut. 7:7-8** Moses told the Israelites: *"The LORD did not set his*

affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

But when it comes to the Church, the Bible has this to say,

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matt. 7:7-8)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:40)

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

A rule of interpretation says that we should use the clearest verses to help us understand those that are less clear, because God can not contradict Himself. These are a few of the unmistakably clear verses I could cite that tell us it’s

our choice to be saved and whoever asks for salvation will receive it, irrespective of merit.

Man is totally responsible

If election to salvation is true, then man has no freewill of his own; therefore, he must do as he is programmed to do. No, we are not robots but thinking beings, created of God. God gave Adam and Eve the freewill to obey or disobey when He placed them in Eden. The right of choice and freewill has been extended to every individual since then. Therefore, man is totally responsible for his own destiny since God....

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9.

It goes against God’s Character

Also, a study of the character of God shows that He could not create some solely for the purpose of condemnation. After all, He sent His Son to die for us so we could be saved.

2 Peter 3:9 tells us that God doesn’t want anyone to perish but for everyone to come to repentance.

1 Tim. 2:3-4 confirms that God wants all men to be saved. These are clear indications that He didn’t just choose some of us and leave the rest to perish.

Jesus could not have said that belief in Him is the only thing God requires of us (**John 6:28-29**) if He created some who are not able to meet the requirement. And God could not have said some will perish because they refused to love the truth and be saved (**2 Thes. 2:9-12**) unless everyone has a choice in the matter of salvation.

Contradicting God’s Word

As far as choosing those who would be saved before the foundations of the Earth were laid, the Bible doesn’t say that. The definitive passage on that issue is **Romans 8:29-30**. In effect it says that God, who knows the end from the beginning, knew who would choose to be saved before any of us were created and then predestined it to happen. When Paul said that God chose us before the foundation of Earth in **Ephes. 1:4**, he had to have been using an abbreviated version of the process he had outlined in **Romans 8:29-30** three years earlier. Otherwise he would have been contradicting his own teaching.

Aside from the fact that the doctrine of election is a violation of the character of God, there are two very clear statements in the Bible that to me prove conclusively that God did not create some to be saved and others to be lost. In **1 Tim. 2:3-4** Paul said it’s good when we pray for others because God wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge