

Free Will?

A Study to Understand God's Sovereignty and Man's Free Will

Lesson 2: Does Mankind Have a Free Will?

Part 2



- * Perhaps _____ and _____ were the only humans to truly have free will. God, in His foreknowledge, knew exactly what they would choose, yet He allowed them the choice. However, He did not cause them to do it; God does not tempt anyone to do evil (James 1:13).
- * Adam and Eve had the ability to obey God and not to sin, yet they _____ to sin.
- * Why did God do all this? Certainly, He could have created people who would simply not be tempted. Scripture only gives one reason: for God to _____ Himself.
- * In fact, before creation, God had already _____ a plan of redemption. (Eph. 1:4) says that God had _____ to save some before the foundation of the world, and (Rev. 13:8) says that believers' names were _____ in the Lamb's book of life before the foundation of the world—before they even existed.
- * It is all for God's glory. The eventual _____ of those who freely _____ Him and the _____ of those who _____ work to His glory (Rom. 9:22–23).
- * God created a world where people could _____ to disobey, and He allows people today to continue to rebel against Him in order to bring glory to Himself. One way He does this is that He mercifully _____ some and graciously allows them to share in His glory while giving others the _____ they justly deserve from the fallen nature.
- * As should be expected, this doctrine is _____ to those who are in rebellion against God and have no desire to give Him glory.
- * God does not force people to _____ Him; He simply allows them to do the only thing they want to do (_____), and He allows them to do it with a great deal of variety and creativity.
- * God does not force people to _____ Him, but He persuades them with tactics that cannot be _____. God is in control, but humans make real choices.
- * In the final analysis, there are questions that simply cannot be fully _____ or fully _____, and we must never put ourselves in the place of judging God by declaring what a loving God “should do” or a just God “should have done.”
- * After finishing a long section on God's control and human choice (Rom. 9-11), Paul concludes with this (Rom. 9:16-20; 11:33-36) and Paul ends the letter (Rom 16:27).