

Free Will?

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

Lesson 2: Does Mankind Have a Free Will?

Part 1



- * What follows are a few more thoughts that may help us formulate some conclusions as to why God gave us a free will. At least they will give us the full weight to the biblical evidence.
- * First, we have to admit that “free will” is _____ by physical possibilities. “Free will” cannot mean we are free to do anything we want to do.
- * Many who hold human free will as the highest _____ also have no problem with the idea that God could intervene in a case like this and prevent a person from accomplishing what he has chosen to do.
- * With this in mind, perhaps we might define free will as the _____ to choose whatever we want, within the _____ of physical limitations.
- * This brings up the second problem, which has to do with what we _____. The problem is not that we are not free to choose what we want, but that what we choose is severely _____ by our desires.
- * We are free to choose all sorts of ways to _____ God, but we simply cannot choose to _____ God without having our desires radically reorganized and we are powerless to do this on our own apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.
- * (Rom. 8:5–8) identifies the _____ limitations to our “free will”. If this is the case, who then can be saved? “
- * _____ do not do this on their own but only under the convicting power of the _____.
- * We are saved by _____, and no one can boast (Eph. 2:8–9). God is not obligated to save anyone (He has free will), but He has chosen to save some (_____) by freeing their wills to choose Him. Others He allows to continue in rebellion—which is _____ what they want to do. In either case, people make real, uncoerced choices.
- * _____ are the only people who have the “free will” to obey God, yet they still have an old nature that pulls them in the other direction (Rom. 6:12–14). One day, believers will be _____ and will no longer be able to sin—yet their love for God will be genuine. They will be free to do what they want, but they will not want to do anything that _____ God.