

God's Power

“The Sovereignty of God the Father
in
Salvation

Absolute Power

Romans 9:21 (NIV)

Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

- Human will never trumps the will of God.
- Salvation is not in the hand of any man.
- Eternal destiny is solely God's choice alone.

Proof Text

- Romans 9:11-13 (NIV)

Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad--in order that God's purpose in election might stand: [12] not by works but by him who calls--she was told, "The older will serve the younger." [13] Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

- John 1:11-13 (KJV)

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. [12] But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: [13] Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Preterition—The act of passing by, disregarding, or omitting.

Human's Eternal Destiny

- Romans 9:17-18 (NIV)

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." [18] Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

Objects of Wrath/Mercy

- Romans 9:22-24 (NASB)

What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? [23] And He did so in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, [24] even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

The Means

2 Cor. 5:13-15 (NIV)

If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. [14] For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died “for” all, and therefore all died. [15] And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

- *for*—means in stead of or in the place of.

A. W. Pink's Observation

- Isaiah 53:11 (KJV)

- He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

- Matthew 1:21 (KJV)

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

- "...to insist that the Lord Jesus did expressly purpose the salvation of *all mankind*, is to charge Him with that which no intelligent being should be guilty of, namely, to *design* that which by virtue of His omniscience He *knew would never come to pass*."

Your Special Privilege

- 1 Cor. 1:27-29 (KJV)

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; [28] And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: [29] That no flesh should glory in his presence.

The Father's Foreknowledge

Acts 15:15-18 (KJV)

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, [16] After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: [17] That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. [18] Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

The Father's Sovereign Choice

Acts 13:48 (NIV)

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

“WE” The Father’s Choice

Ephes. 1:3-6 (KJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6] To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

The “End” *Secure*

Ephes. 1:11-14 (NIV)

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, [12] in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. [13] And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.