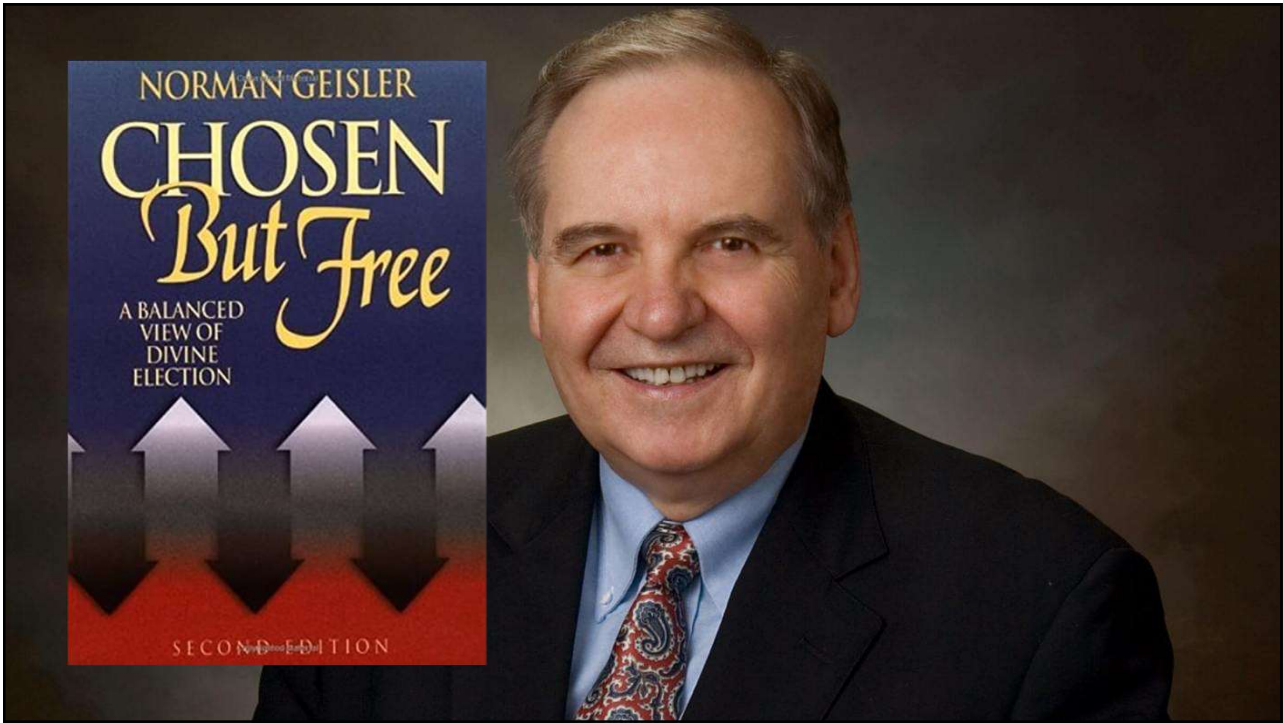


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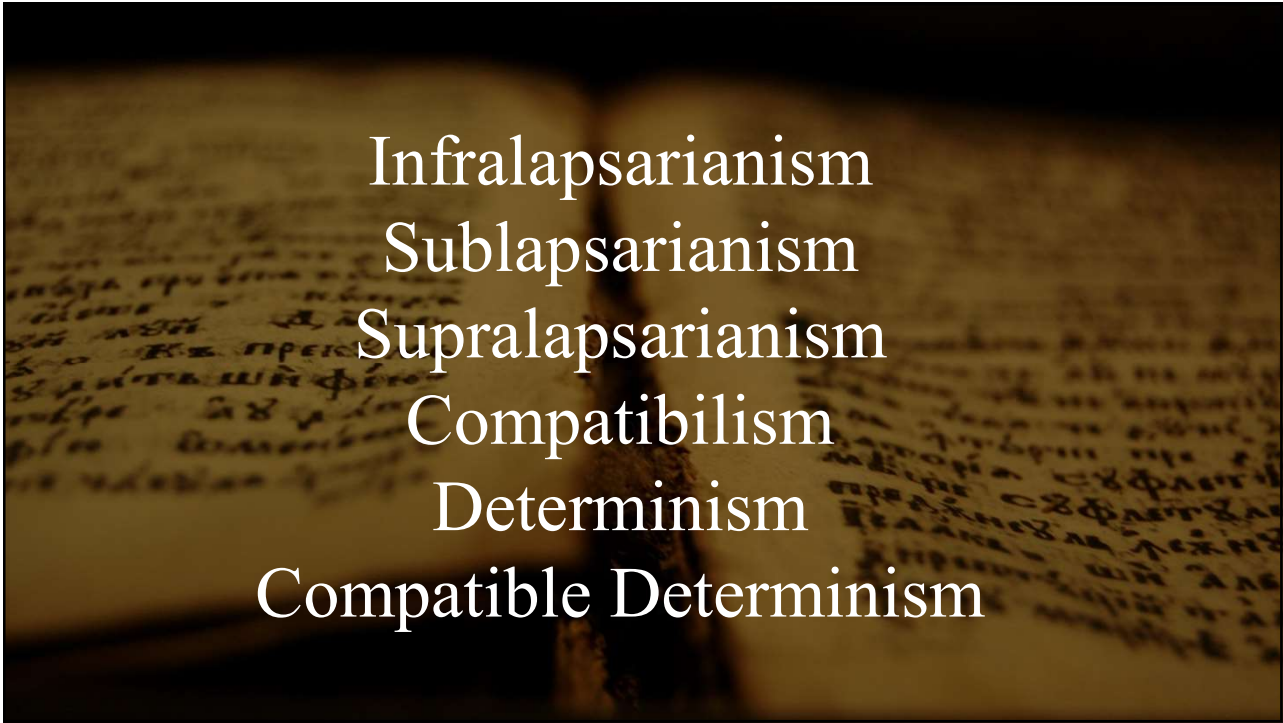


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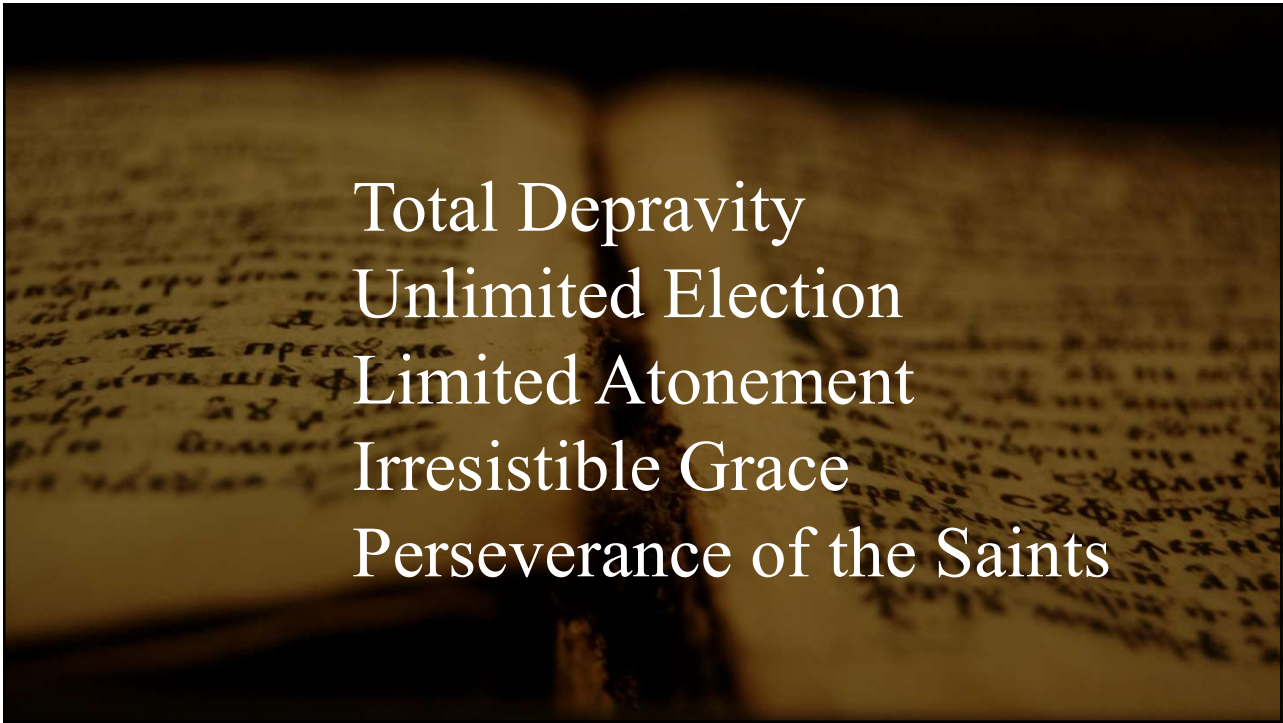


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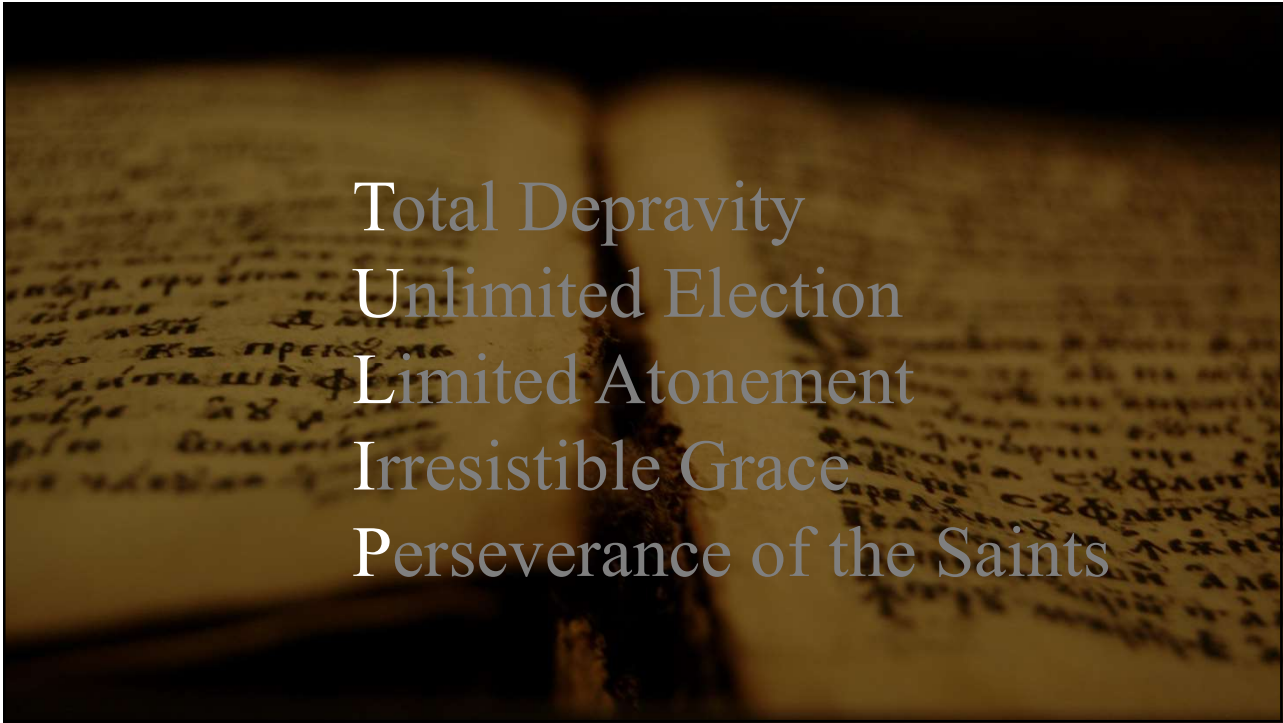




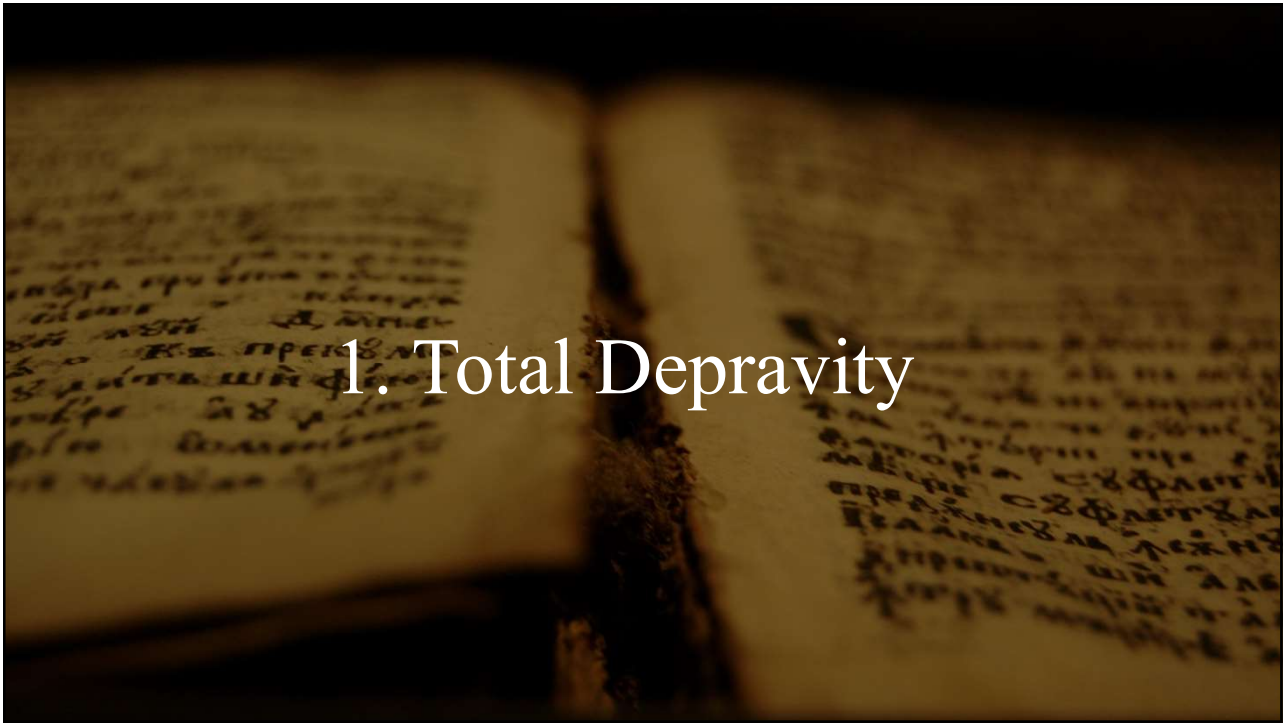
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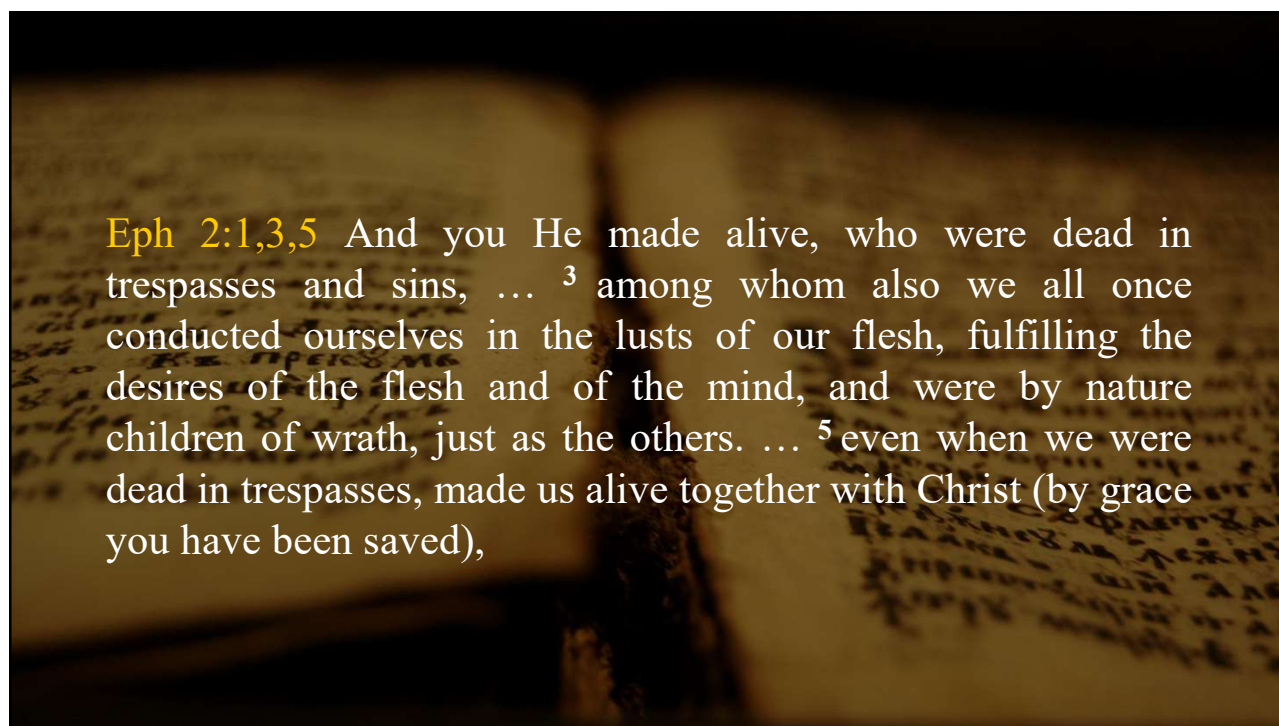
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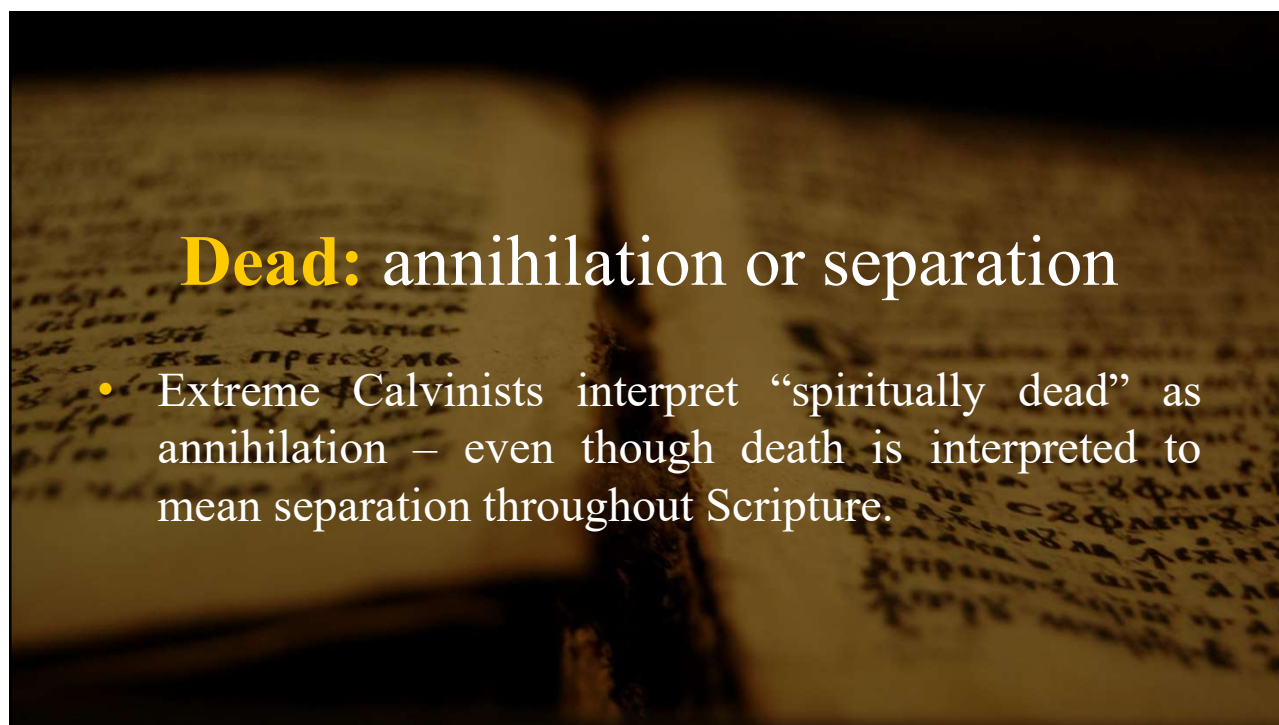
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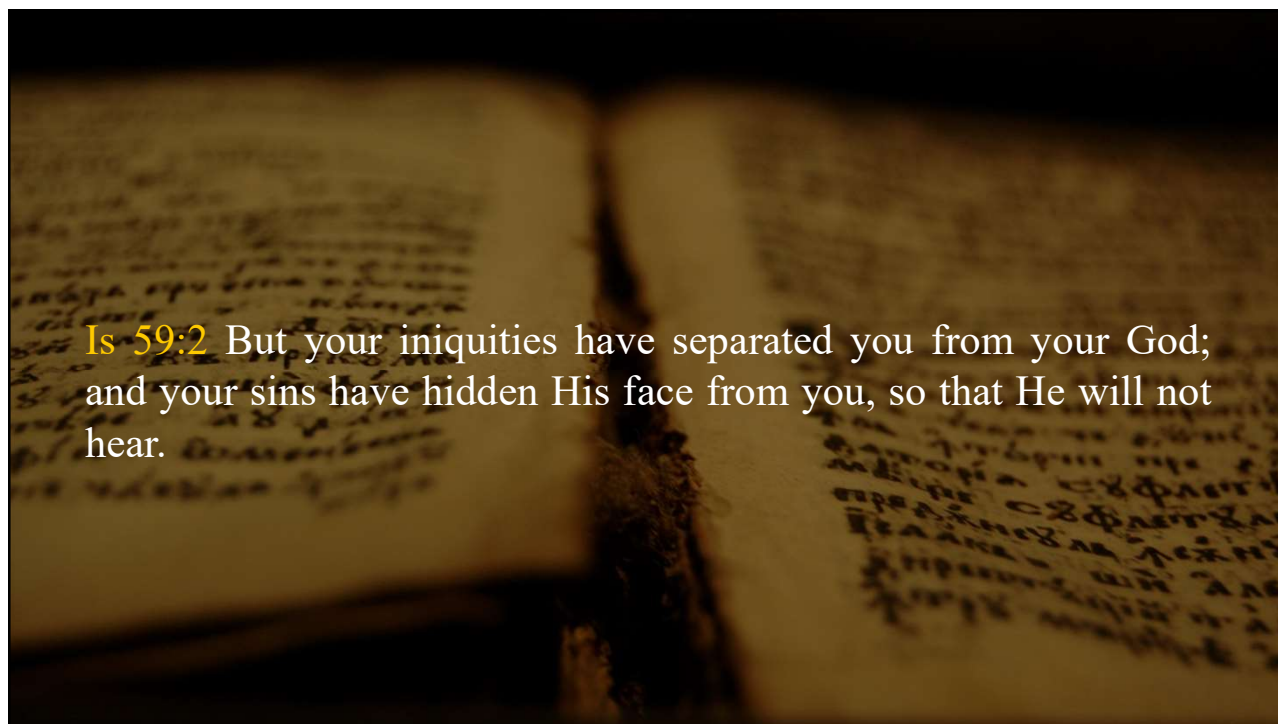


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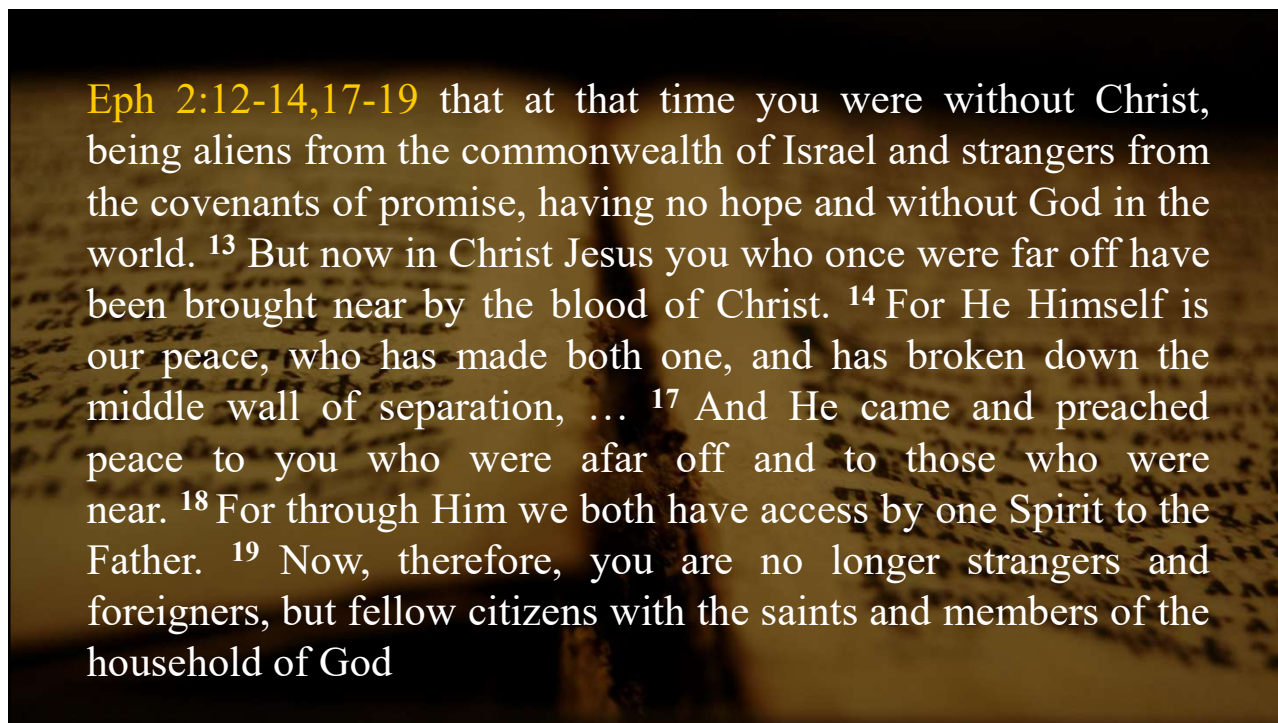
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**Is 59:2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

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**Eph 2:12-14,17-19** that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ... <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

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- Orthodox Christians don't even consider the second death of unbelievers as spiritual annihilation:

**Rev 20:14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**21:8** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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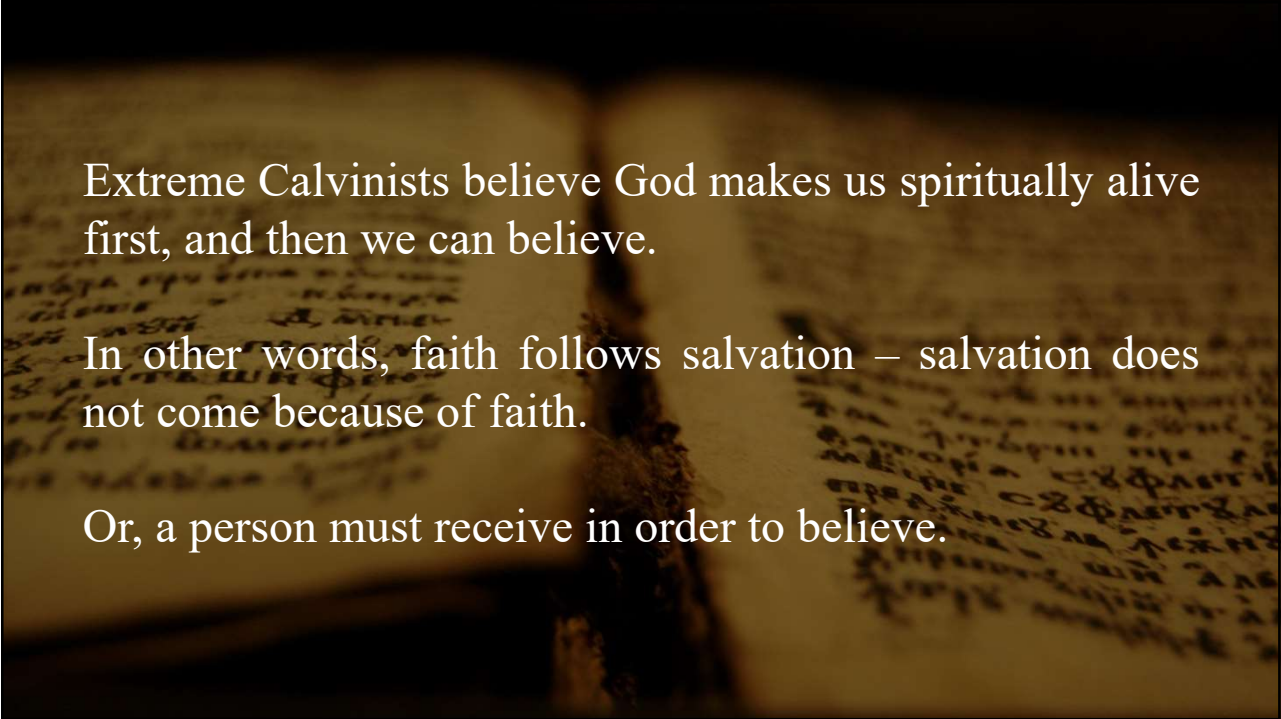
- Extreme Calvinists believe an unsaved person, like a corpse, cannot hear from God or respond to Him unless God first regenerates him.

**1 Cor 2:14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Paul says the natural man cannot “**receive**,” not “**perceive**,” the things of the Spirit of God.

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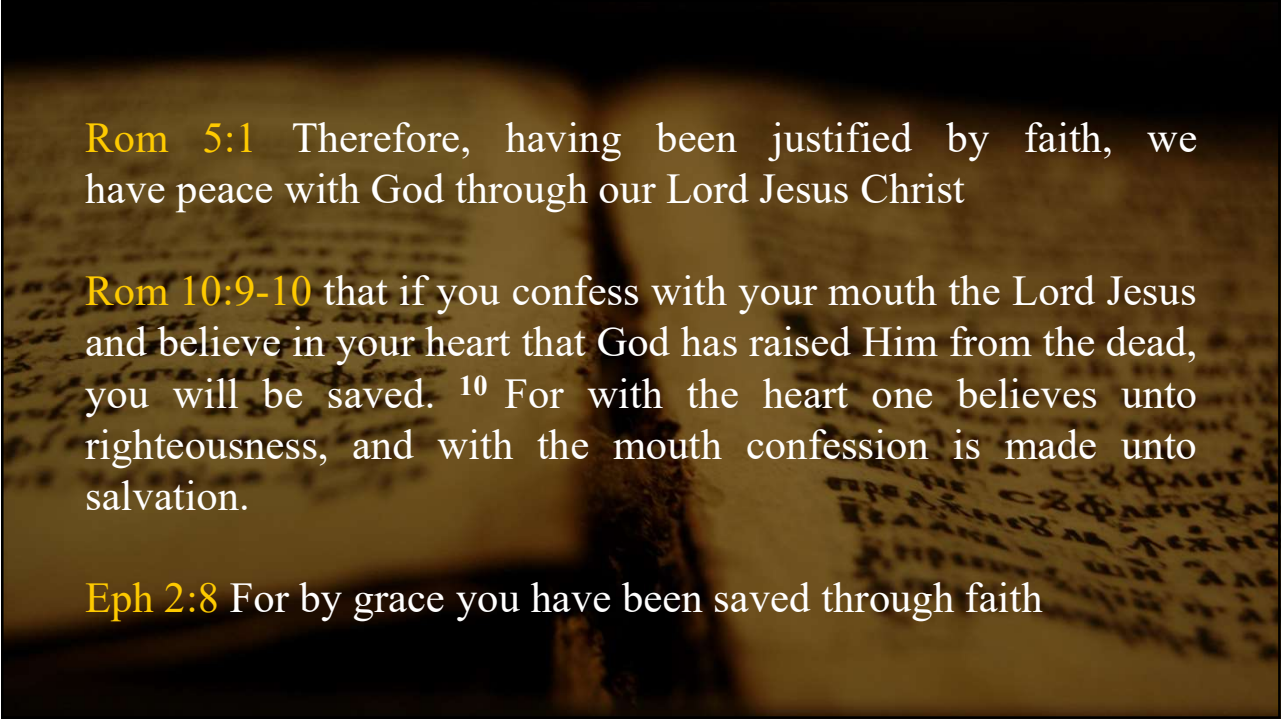


Extreme Calvinists believe God makes us spiritually alive first, and then we can believe.

In other words, faith follows salvation – salvation does not come because of faith.

Or, a person must receive in order to believe.

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**Rom 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

**Rom 10:9-10** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Eph 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith

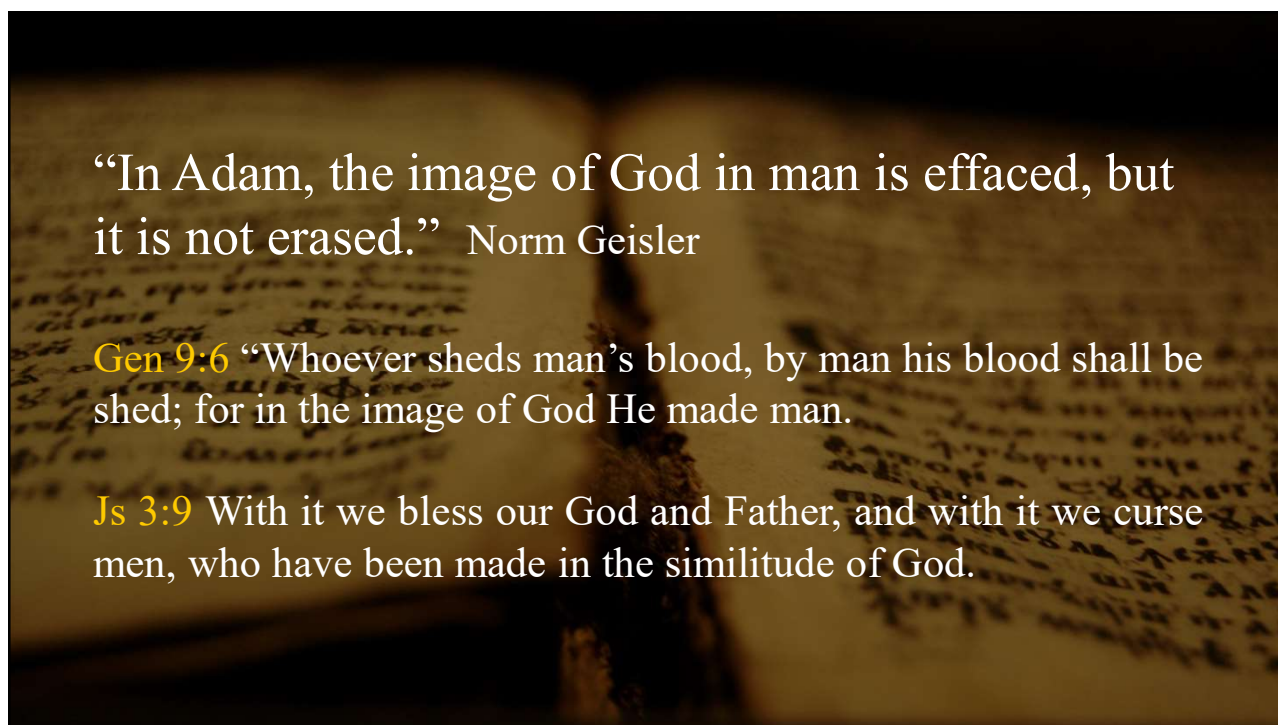
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Rene Descartes – “I think therefore I exist.”

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“In Adam, the image of God in man is effaced, but it is not erased.” Norm Geisler

**Gen 9:6** “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.

**Js 3:9** With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

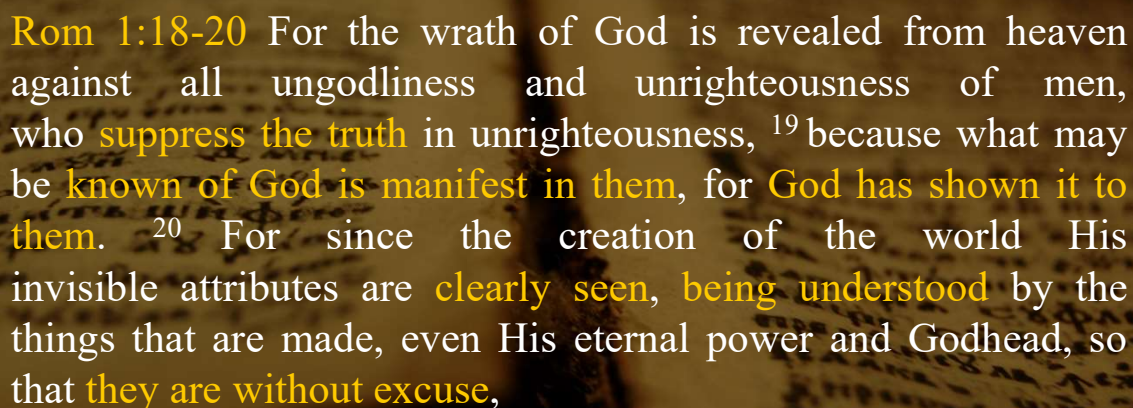
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Here's what a spiritually dead person can do:

**Gen 3:9-10** Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

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**Rom 1:18-20** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be **known of God is manifest in them**, for **God has shown it to them**. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are **clearly seen, being understood** by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse**,

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Point of clarification: we do not initiate salvation, God does:

**Jn 1:13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Jn 6:44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

**Jn 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you

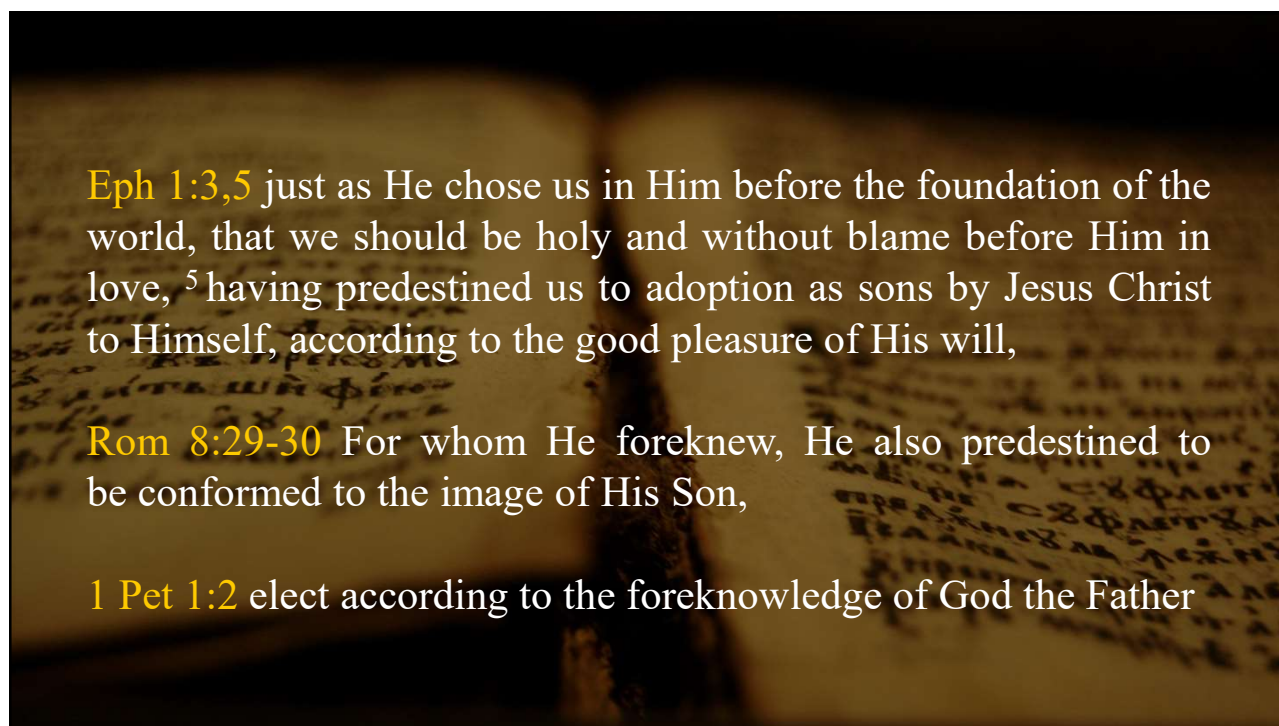
**1 Jn 4:19** We love Him because He first loved us.

**Jn 16:8** And when He [Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

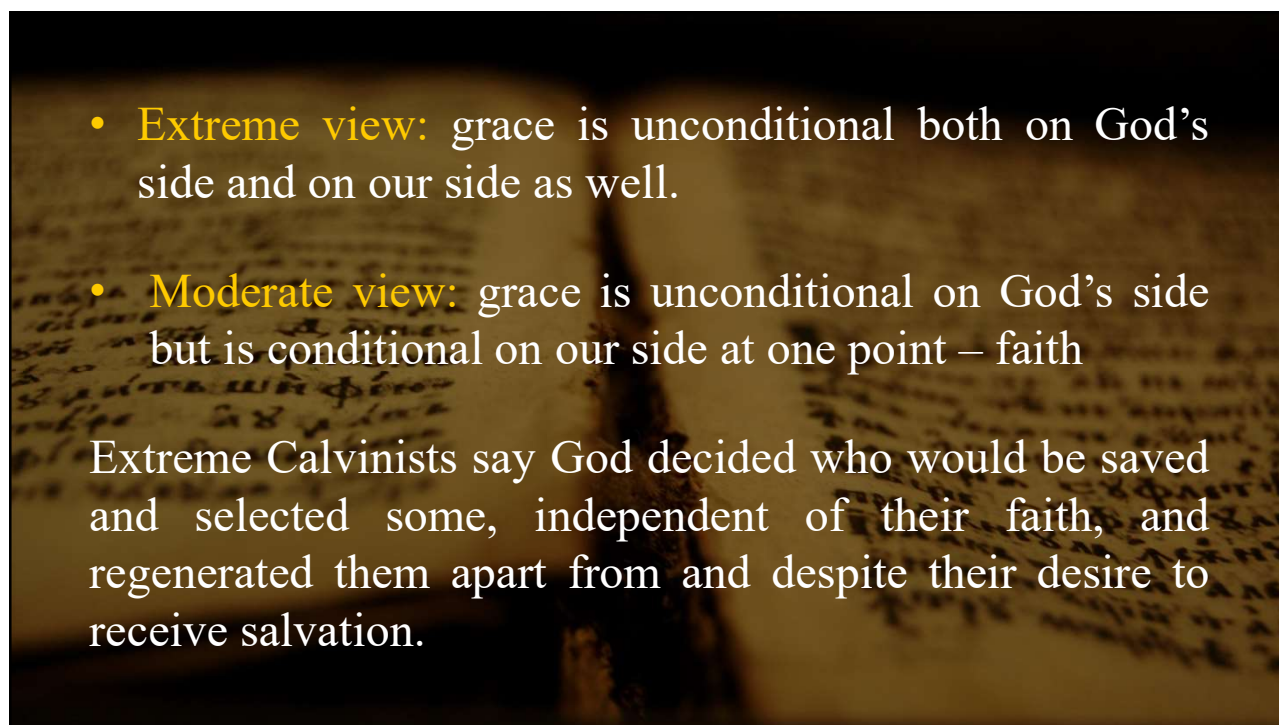
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## 2. Unconditional election

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- **Extreme view:** grace is unconditional both on God's side and on our side as well.
- **Moderate view:** grace is unconditional on God's side but is conditional on our side at one point – faith

Extreme Calvinists say God decided who would be saved and selected some, independent of their faith, and regenerated them apart from and despite their desire to receive salvation.



- Scripture says that salvation is based upon God's foreknowledge – not unconditional election:

**Rom 8:29-30** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

**1 Pet 1:2** elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father

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- Jesus came and suffered according to the foreknowledge of the Father:

**Acts 2:23** Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God,

**Rev 13:8** the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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- Jesus did what He did out of obedience to the Father:

**Jn 17:4** I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

**Mt 26:39,42** “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” ... “O My Father, <sup>[h]</sup>if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

**Heb 5:7-8** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, <sup>8</sup> though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

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**Extreme view:** God chooses apart from His foreknowledge

**Moderate view:** God chooses in accordance with (based on) His foreknowledge

Salvation is unconditional on the side of the giver, but conditional on the side of the receiver

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- Scripture also teaches that salvation must be received/believed:

**Jn 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

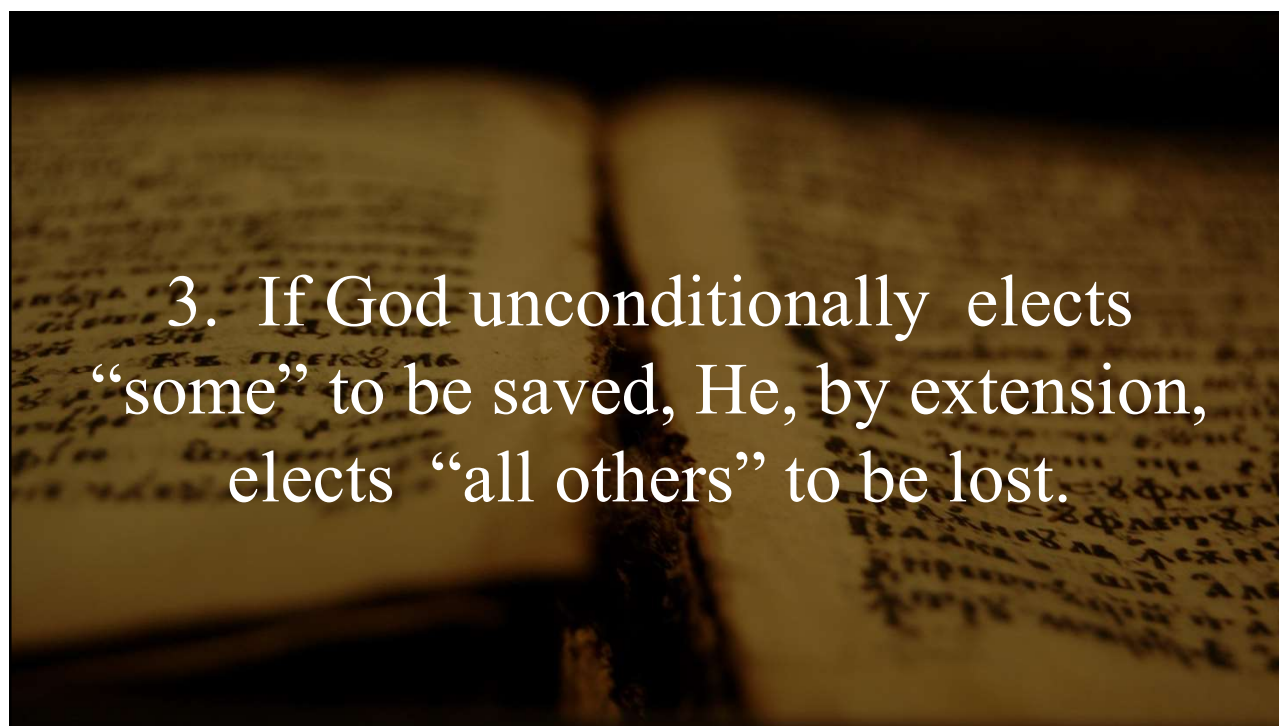
**Acts 16:31** So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved

**Rom 5:22** even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

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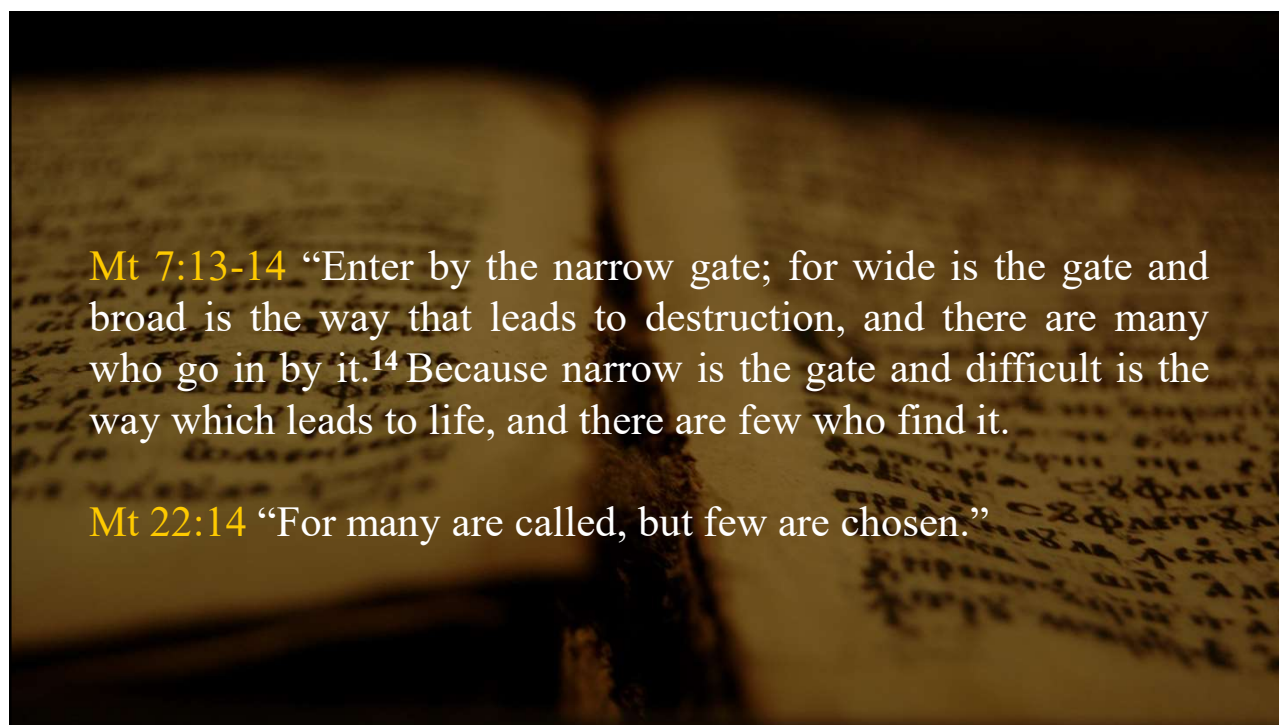
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3. If God unconditionally elects “some” to be saved, He, by extension, elects “all others” to be lost.

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**Mt 7:13-14** “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.<sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Mt 22:14** “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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“When we say that God is sovereign in the exercise of His love, we mean that He loves whom He chooses. God does not love everybody.” Arthur Pink



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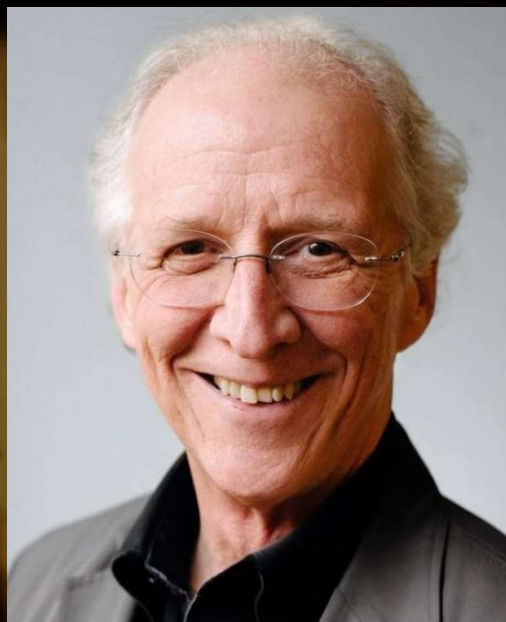


“If God had elected to save everyone without exception, all would certainly be saved. But God never had the slightest intention of saving everyone. That is what the doctrine of election means in the first place: God chooses some, but not all. ... That God may have reasons of His own for choosing me for salvation and not my father (who as far as I know, died and atheist) may well be so, but it is certain that I did not supply Him with those reasons.”

R. K. McGregor Wright

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“But I am not ignorant that God may not have chosen my sons for His sons. And, though I think I would give my life for their salvation, if they should be lost to me, I would not rail against the Almighty. He is God. I am but a man. The potter has absolute rights over the clay. Mine is to bow before His unimpeachable character and believe the Judge of all the earth has ever and always will do right.” John Piper



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1 Tim 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward <sup>us</sup>, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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