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CALVINISM VS. ARMINIANISM

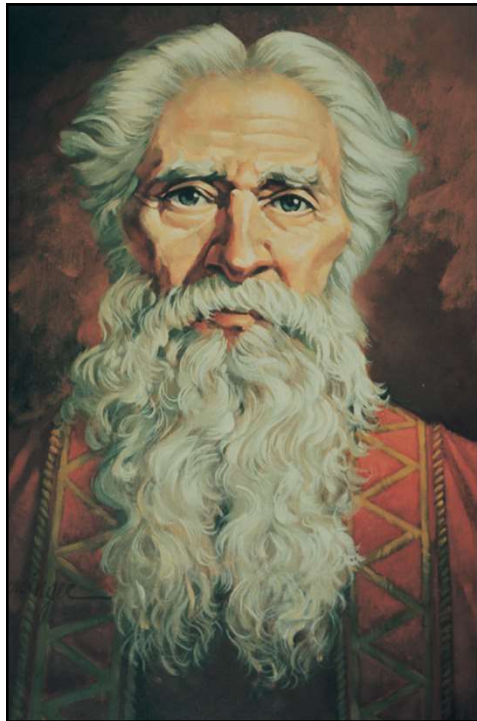
Five Points of Calvinism	Five Points of Arminianism
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Point 1:

Almost always, the use of the term “elect”, or “foreknowledge” is used in context with a time a great hardship, suffering or persecution to remind the believer that God will keep His promises. It is for reassurance and encouragement.

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Isaiah 44:1-4

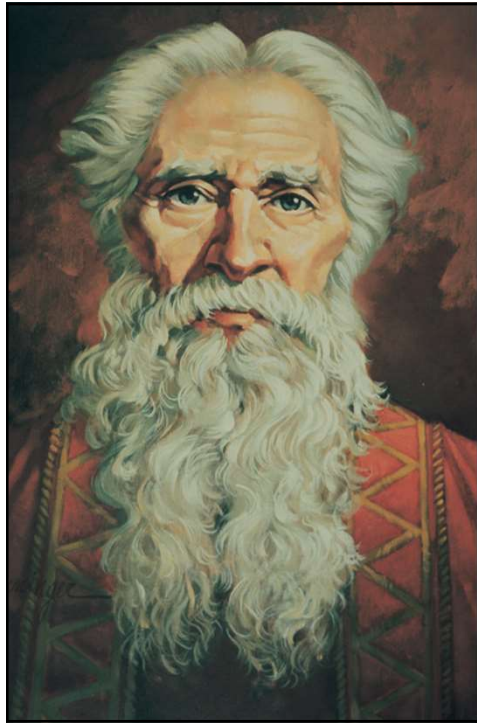
44 Yet now hear, **O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:**

2 Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

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Isa 45:1-4

Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

4 **For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name:** I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

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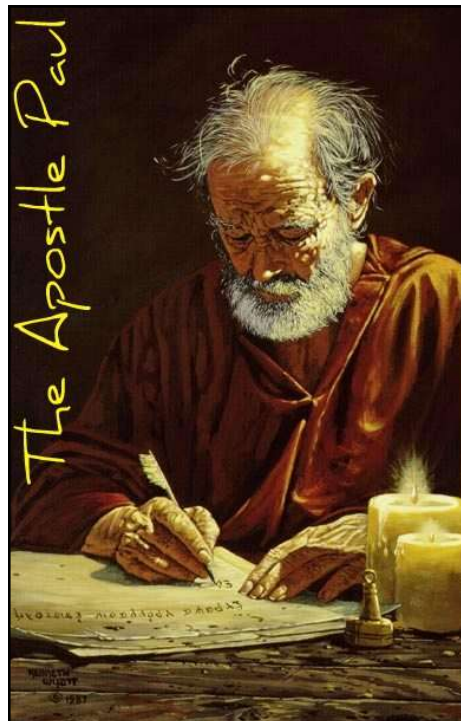
Romans 9:6-7

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

John 8:37

I know that ye are Abraham's seed... (44) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

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28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

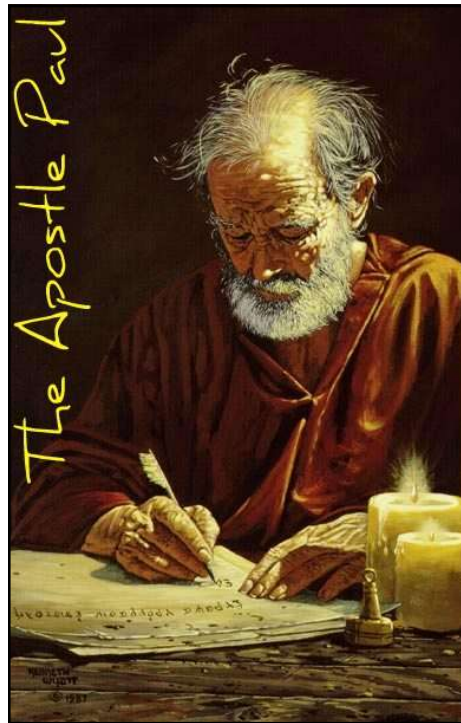
30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

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34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

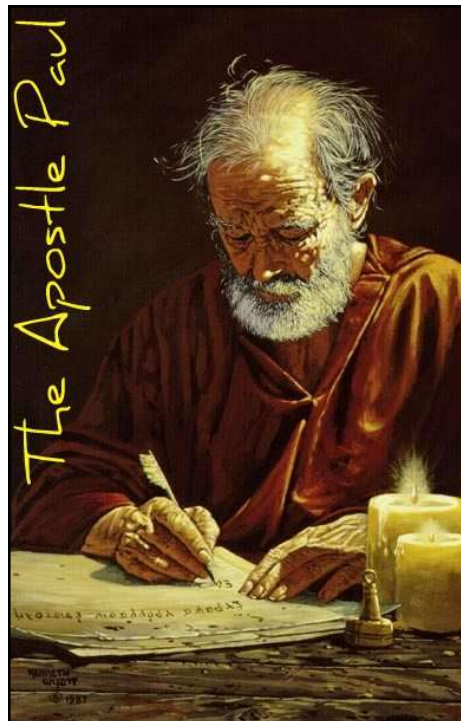
36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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2 Thess 2:13-14

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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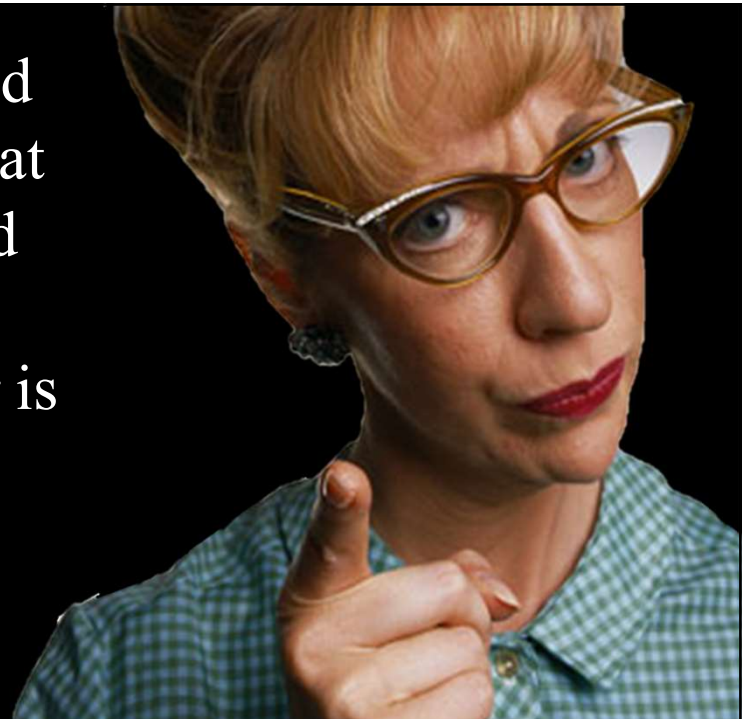
1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,** through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

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Don't be so focused on "proof texts" that you fail to read and understand the message the writer is intending to communicate!!!



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Heb 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking **the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

ἐπισυναγωγήν
NFSA
assembling together,
1997
episunagogeén


NT:1996 ἐπισυνάγω **episunago** (ep-ee-soon-ag'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:4863; to collect upon the same place:
KJV - gather (together).

Point 2:

Americans think as rugged individualists.

The Jew thinks of community or family.

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THRACE
BYZANTIUM
NICOMEDIA
Armenia
MACEDONIA
Crete
Rhodus
Alexandria

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Christianity
Is
Simple
~~Stupid~~illy

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1 Cor 3:1-9

³ Dear brothers and sisters,* when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people.* I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life.* ² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, ³ for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? ⁴ When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world?



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⁵ After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. ⁶ I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷ It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. ⁹ For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.



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1 Cor 3:16

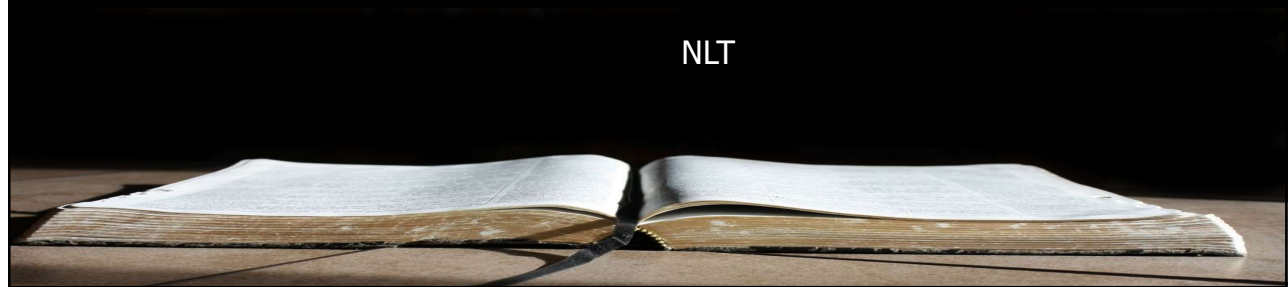
Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

KJV

1 Cor 3:16

Don't you realize that **all of you together are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

NLT



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We have been trained to lock up whenever we hear the word “chosen” or “elect” or “church”. The words “chosen” or “elect” are from the same Greek root and are sometimes distinguished and sometimes interchangeable.

NT:1586 eklegomai (ek-leg'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:1537 and NT:3004 (in its primary sense); to select:

KJV - make choice, choose (out), **chosen**.

NT:1588 eklektos (ek-lek-tos'); from NT:1586; select; by implication, favorite:

KJV - chosen, **elect**.

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“Chosen” – *One Chosen, Called Out, Appointed, Selected or Set Apart for a Definite Purpose*

- **Israel** - For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath *chosen thee to be a special people* unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.
- **Christ** - Luke 23:35: He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the *chosen of God*.
- **Jerusalem** - 1 Kings 11:36: ...in Jerusalem, *the city which I have chosen* to put my name there.
- **Angels** - 1 Ti 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the *elect angels*, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

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For what are they “Chosen”? Typically, for some area of service.

- **For Service** - John 6:70 Jesus answered them, *Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?*
- **For Service** - John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but *I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit.*

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Church - *Ecclesia*

Ek – “out”; Kaleo – “to call”

- **Acts 7:38** *This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:*
- **Acts 19:32** *Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.*

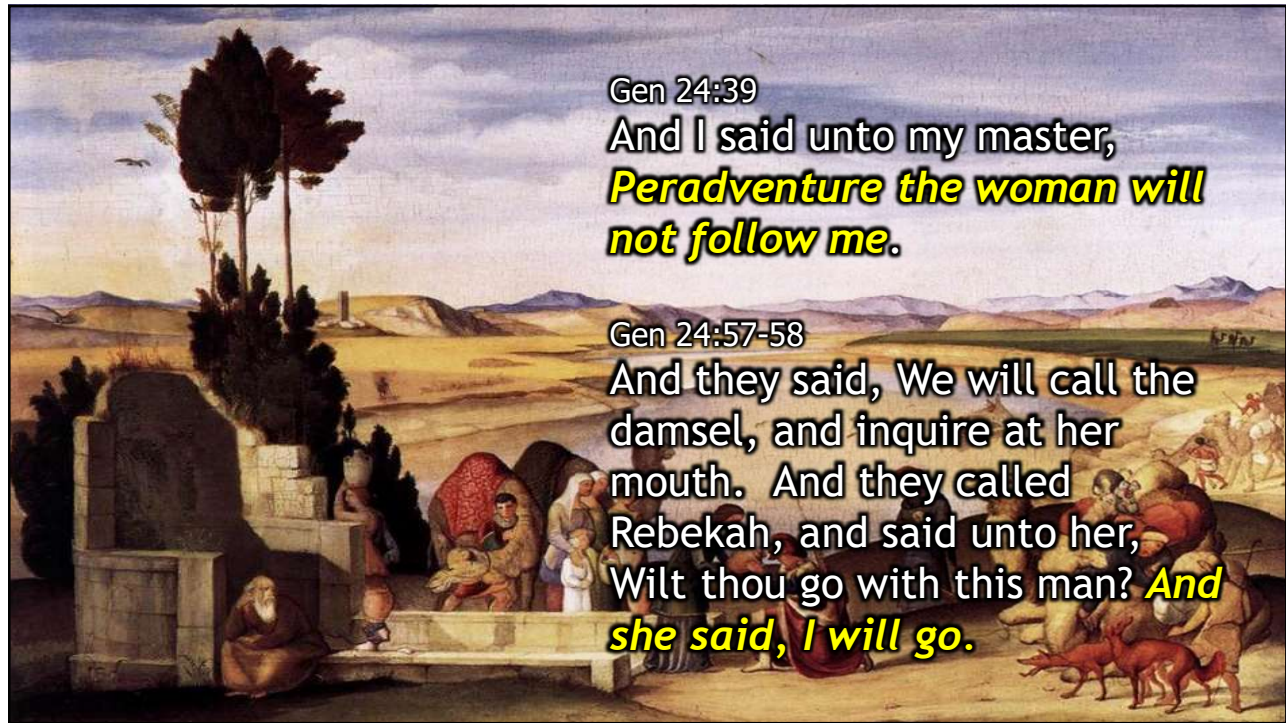
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What is unique about this group that we seem to stumble over?

This Group is called out for Salvation. But how are they determined?

The Decision is theirs.

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**God has called out “The Body” of Christ. The
Body consists of “whosoever will may come.”**

*Romans 10:12-13 For there is no difference between the Jew
and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that
call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the
Lord shall be saved.*

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Chosen for Hell?

- **2 Pet 3:9** *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

"all" - pas (pas); including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole: KJV - all (manner of, means), alway (-s), any (one), daily, ever, every (one, way), as many as, no (-thing), thoroughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003, 2006 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

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- **1 Tim 2:4-6** *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*
- **John 1:7** *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*
- **John 1:9** *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*
- **John 12:32** *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*

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- **Acts 17:30** *And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:*
- **Mt 18:14** *Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*
- **Rev 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*
- **Rev 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

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WRONG USE OF METAPHOR

1st Adam v. 2nd Adam

Gen 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for **in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

Eph 2:1-10

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ...For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Jn 3:14-18

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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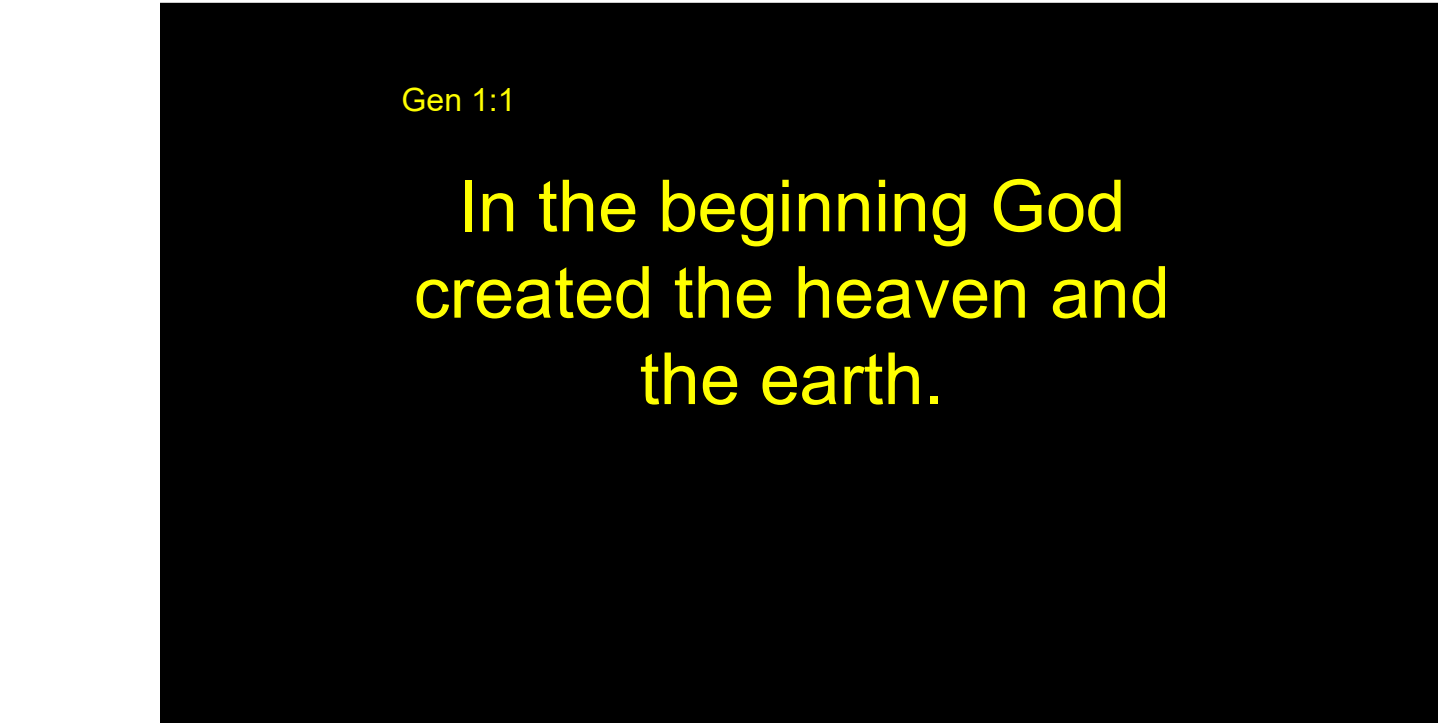
What is foreknowledge?

You knew the result, before the action occurred.

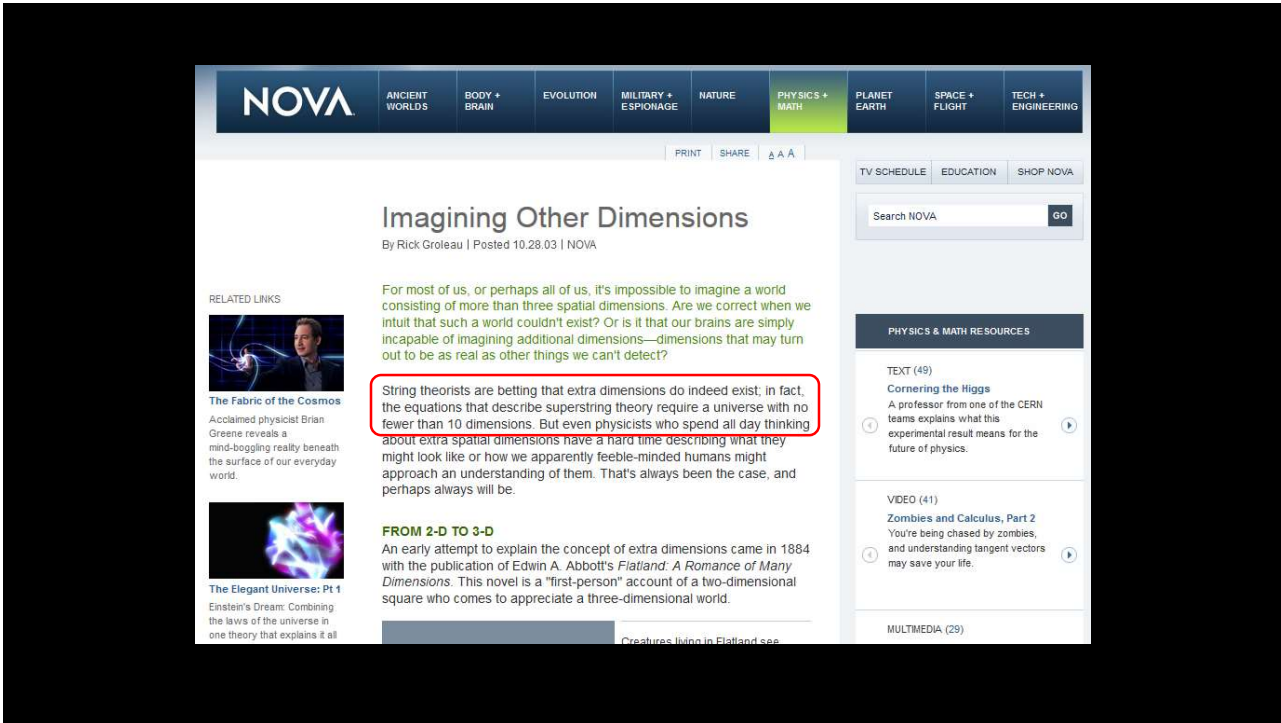
This exists outside of the dimension of time.

- **Eph 1:4** *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.*
- **2 Tim 1:9** *Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*
- **Titus 1:2** *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*
- **Acts 2:23** *Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

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Time - Space - Matter

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Our 3D Existence

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