

What Does The Bible Teach About Predestination?

What is predestination? Some Quotes:

Note: The predestination that we are discussing tonight is the predestination that is defined by the following statements:

- John Calvin “Predestination we call the eternal decree of God, by which He has determined in Himself, what He would have to become of every individual of mankind. For they are not all created with a similar destiny; but eternal life is foreordained for some and eternal death for others. Every man, therefore, being created for one or the other of these ends, we say is predestined either to life or to death.”
- The Westminster Confession “By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated to everlasting life, and others are foreordained to everlasting death”
- Presbyterian Confession of Faith “The number (of saved) is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished.”
- S.T. Tolly, editor of The Christian Baptist (Primitive Baptist publication) “There are many from among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples who will be saved from their sins – even those who have never heard . . . the gospel of Christ – but it won’t be because any poor sinners say “yes”. . . Primitive Baptists have always believed that it was unnecessary for the gospel of Christ to be preached in order that sinners be saved from hell.”

What does the Bible say? The theory of predestination:

1. Makes God a respecter of persons
2. Causes God to responsible for the loss of souls in hell
3. Destroys the concept of man’s free will and choice
4. Nullifies the Great Commission
5. Makes salvation unconditional whereas the Scriptures clearly identify conditions of salvation
6. Suggests that Jesus only died for certain select individuals, the Word says He died for all
7. Makes many of the warnings of the Scriptures unnecessary