



Was I predestined to be a Christian or did I choose to be a Christian?



Predestination or Free Will

Calvinism
Or
Arminianism



Calvanist: Being saved

Armnianist: Choose to be saved



Total Depravity.

'Above all things the heart is wicked.'

Jer 17:9



Total Depravity.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.



Total Depravity.

All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."



Unconditional Election.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.



Unconditional Election.

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.



Eph 1:4-5

Unconditional Election.

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.



Unconditional Election.

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



Rom 8:29-30

Limited Atonement.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.



John 17:9

Irresistible Grace.

All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.



John 6:37

Preservation of saints.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.



Preservation of saints.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:27-29

Free Will (human ability)

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Rom 3:10

Free Will (human ability)

But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.

Luke 7:30



Salvation for all.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



John 3:16

Salvation for all.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



We can resist salvation.

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"



We can resist salvation.

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.



Rom 10:16

Possible to lose salvation.

Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches (Israel), he will not spare you either.



Rom 11:21

Total Depravity
Unconditional Election
Limited Atonement
Irresistible Grace
Preservation of the saints.

Free Will
Unlimited Atonement
Resistible Grace
Can lose salvation



Which do you identify more strongly with? Why?

What does each mean for evangelism?

What does it mean to you that God is sovereign?

Why is this important?

