

## FREE WILL & SALVATION

Pelagianism	Semi-Pelagian	Arminian	Luther & Calvin
<b>Salvation Is Man's Work Alone</b>	<b>Salvation Is God &amp; Man's Work</b>		<b>Salvation Is God's Work Alone</b>
<b>No Original Sin</b>	<b>Original Sin, but not fully corrupted</b>	<b>Total Depravity</b>	<b>Total Depravity</b>
Humans began their lives in a state of moral uprightness and they can merit salvation unaided by grace.	The moral image of God, the ability to choose the good, to do the right, has not been completely extinguished in humanity.	Human beings are corrupted by sin from the very beginning.	Human beings are corrupted by sin from the very beginning
<b>Total Free Will</b>	<b>Some Free Will</b>	<b>No Free Will</b>	<b>No Free Will</b>
Same free will as Adam and Eve before the Fall.  No temptation that cannot be overcome by the power of the human will.	Man is aided by God's grace Humanity still has some internal resources to offer in the work of salvation.	God's extends prevenient or preparatory grace to enable man to work with God.	Humans have no free will when it comes to God
<b>Salvation is by Man</b>	<b>Salvation Is God &amp; Man's Work</b>		<b>Salvation is by God alone</b>
Man can not only begin the process of salvation but can complete it entirely unaided by God's grace.	Man must begin the process of salvation unaided by God's grace, but God's grace is necessary to complete it.	God's grace is necessary throughout the entire process of salvation, which cannot be initiated or completed without it. Likewise, although man does not initiate the process of salvation, it cannot be completed without man's contribution.	Salvation is by God's grace alone

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We must	We Cannot	We Do
<p><b>Scripture says that we must do these things</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe</li> <li>• Receive</li> <li>• Repent</li> <li>• Be born again</li> </ul>	<p><b>BONDAGE of the WILL</b> <b>We cannot because we are dead!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe</li> <li>• Receive</li> <li>• Repent</li> <li>• Be born again</li> </ul>	<p><b>As a CHRISTIAN, we are to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe</li> <li>• Receive</li> <li>• Repent</li> <li>• Be born again</li> </ul>
<p>Liberal theology denies this</p>	<p>Popular theology denies this. God wouldn't ask us to do something that we aren't able to do. Salvation depends on the things that WE do</p>	<p>Some deny this because they put the emphasis on the first two</p>
<p>Acts 4:12 Ro 5:1 Jn 3:3</p>	<p>Eph 2:1-3 Ro 3:10-19 Ro 5:12</p>	<p>Jn 1:12 2 Cor 4:13 Ja 2:23</p>
<p><b>This is by Grace</b> Eph 2:8,9 Col 2:13</p>		

	LOST (cause of being lost)	SAVED (the cause of being saved)
<p><b>Decision theology</b> Free will theology</p>	<p>ME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because I reject God and His grace</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct understanding</p>	<p>ME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human reason says, "It's my decision; through my own reason and will I am saved."</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is in error</p>
<p><b>Calvinist</b> Double predestination, Limited atonement</p>	<p>GOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human reason says God predestines to condemnation; some are not objects of God's saving grace; <i>the atonement was only for those whom God chose to save – limited atonement</i></li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is in error</p>	<p>GOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is God alone who saves us</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct understanding</p>
<p><b>Lutheran</b> (True Lutheran Church)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ME (unbelief)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOD (Grace alone)</p>
<p>We allow the paradox to stand without trying to resolve it</p>		