



## iBelieve In Free Will

(Revelation 22:17)

- Introduction:
1. Freedom: We value this condition to the point that we are willing to lay down our lives to secure it and maintain it.
  2. Yet, countless people believe that there is no “religious freedom.”
  3. Many believe that when it comes to serving Jesus or rebelling; when it comes to choosing between heaven and hell, we have no freedom to choose.
  4. Let’s examine this a little closer and see what the Bible says about it.

### I. Does Mankind Have Free Will?

- A. “God has predestined and foreordained some men and angels to everlasting life out of His free grace and love without any foresight of faith or works in man or perseverance in either of them, and others are foreordained to everlasting death and the number of either is so certain and definite that it cannot be increased or diminished.” (The Westminster Confession of Faith).
- B. The Bible does teach and I therefore believe in Predestination
  1. (Ephesians 1:4-5).
- C. However, I do not believe that the biblical model of predestination is the same as the Calvinistic model presented above.
- D. God predestined that all “in Christ” would be saved, but we exercise our free will as to whether we wish to place ourselves there.
  1. God predestined “the plan,” not “the man.”

### II. If There Was No Free Will, Why...

- A. (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19)?
- B. (Joshua 24:15)?
- C. (Matthew 11:28-30)?
- D. (Revelation 22:17)?

### III. We Do Have Free Will, And Must Choose

- A. Masters (Romans 6:16, 20-23).
- B. Roads (Matthew 7:13-14).
- C. Destinies (Matthew 7:13-14).

- Conclusion:
1. (Jeremiah 8:20-22).
    - a. Summer has ended and we are not saved.
    - b. Is there no balm?
    - c. Is there no physician?
  2. God has given you free will.
    - a. There is a balm and there is a physician.
    - b. Will you choose to be saved?