

## Why men cannot accept Christ.

### Why predestination is true.

1. **1 Corinthians 2:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man receiveth (accept) not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

2. **Romans 3:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: <sup>11</sup> There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. <sup>12</sup> They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

3. **Psalms 14:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none that doeth good.* <sup>2</sup> The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and seek God.* <sup>3</sup> They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

4. **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

<sup>20</sup> For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

5. **Job 15:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous? <sup>15</sup> Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. <sup>16</sup> How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

6. **Matthew 19:17**

<sup>17</sup> And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God:* but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

7. **Romans 7:18**

<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

8. **Psalms 62:9**

<sup>9</sup> Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.

9. **Proverbs 20:9**

<sup>9</sup> Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10. **Proverbs 16:4**

<sup>4</sup> The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

11. **Proverbs 16:9**

<sup>9</sup> A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

12. **Micah 7:2**

<sup>2</sup>The good *man* is perished out of the earth: and *there is* none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

13. **Job 33:13**

<sup>13</sup>Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

14. **Isaiah 45:7**

<sup>7</sup>I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

15. **Job 1:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

16. **Job 2:10**

<sup>10</sup>But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

17. **Isaiah 46:10**

<sup>10</sup>Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

18. **Ephesians 1:11**

<sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

19. **Psalms 115:3**

<sup>3</sup>But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

20. **Daniel 4:35**

<sup>35</sup>And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

21. **Ephesians 1:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>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: <sup>5</sup>Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

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<sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

23. **1 Samuel 2:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. <sup>8</sup>He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them. <sup>9</sup>He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

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26. **Romans 8:29-30**

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>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.

**When men say, “I don’t THINK God would do that;” here’s what He says:**

1. **Isaiah 55:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. **Deuteronomy 32:39**

<sup>39</sup>See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

3. **Romans 13:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. <sup>2</sup>Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

4. **Romans 9:8-22**

<sup>8</sup>That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. <sup>9</sup>For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. <sup>10</sup>And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac; <sup>11</sup>(For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) <sup>12</sup>It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. <sup>13</sup>As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. <sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid. <sup>15</sup>For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>16</sup>So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the

scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

<sup>19</sup>Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

<sup>20</sup>Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? <sup>21</sup>Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? <sup>22</sup>*What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

### **We're saved by belief, not prayer.**

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<sup>14</sup>But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

2. **John 9:31 (KJV)**

<sup>31</sup>Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

3. **Romans 10:13-14 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup>For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

<sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?