

*According to the
eternal purpose which he
purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord*

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Two vital principles

1. *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.*
2. *That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:18,25

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.*

JOHN 3:14-17

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God's Purpose With The World

What is *the world* that God loved?

The Adamic world into which sin entered through Adam's sin

The Mosaic world in which Israel was called, as a son, out of Egypt

What is God seeking from man?

- “ God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did **understand**, that did **seek** God PSALM 53:2
- “ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father **seeketh** such to worship him. JOHN 4:23
- “ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek** him. HEBREWS 11:6

If there was no freewill:

1. There is no such thing as sin
2. There is no absolute standard of right and wrong
3. There is no personal accountability for decisions or choices
4. Decisions or choices are illusions
5. The *collective* concept of “the will of the people,” that is, democracy, is meaningless if *individuals* do not have free will

Philosophical objections

1. Freewill is not compatible with foreknowledge
– if deity knows what is going to happen in advance, then man does not have free choice
2. Freewill which, by definition, enables moral evil to arise, is not compatible with a deity that is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipotent (all powerful) and omnibenevolent (wholly good)

Genetic determinism

- “ Human existence is a life struggle for the preservation of genes
- “ The racist ideology of the Nazi era was born out of this view of life
- “ Competition (of which war is one form) is viewed as a tool to eliminate weaker genes and allow the stronger genes to advance and dominate

Human experience with freewill

1. The parent-child relationship
2. The husband - wife relationship

In order to judge a situation, it is necessary to understand the purpose

1. The concern of Phinehas, the high priest, and the ten princes of Israel – Joshua 22:12-20
2. The answer of the Reubenites, Gadites and half tribe of Manasseh – Joshua 22:21-29
3. The conclusion of Phinehas and the ten princes of Israel – Joshua 22:30-34

God is defined not by
what is but by *what will be*

- “ But as truly as I live, all the earth **shall be** filled with the **glory** of the **Lord** NUMBERS 14:21
- “ For the earth **shall be** filled with the knowledge of the **glory** of the **Lord**, as the waters cover the sea. HABAKKUK 2:14
- “ For the earth **shall be** full of the knowledge of the **LORD**, as the waters cover the sea
ISAIAH 11:9

Are these two outcomes
mutually exclusive?

God
manifestation

Human
Salvation