

*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## WHO HAS GOD PREDESTINATED?

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There is a lot of error concerning the topic of predestination. Calvinists suggest, “God, before the foundation of the world, predestinated whatsoever comes to pass concerning man and angels.” The Bible does not teach this! God did not predestinate the individual man apart from his choice, but rather the place of salvation — “*In Christ*” (Eph. 1). I suggest God has predestinated the exact individual who will be saved. It is the person who:

**LOVES GOD.** Romans 8:28. It is up to us to love God (1 Jn. 5:3).

**IS CALLED.** Romans 8:28. It is up to us to accept the call of the gospel (2 Th. 2:14).

**IS JUSTIFIED.** Romans 8:30. It is up to us to have faith and practice works (Rom. 5:1; Jas. 2:24).

**IS FAITHFUL.** Ephesians 1:1. It is up to us to be of faith (Gal. 3:9).

**IS IN CHRIST.** Ephesians 1:1, 4, 11. It is up to us to get into Christ by being baptized (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27).

**IS HOLY AND WITHOUT**

**BLAME.** Ephesians 1:4. It is up to us to be holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16) and blameless (2 Pet. 3:14).

**IS ADOPTED.** Ephesians 1:5. It is up to us to be born again (Jn. 3:3-5) and led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14-15).

**HEARS AND BELIEVES THE GOSPEL.** Ephesians 1:13. It is up to us to hear and believe (Rom. 10:17).

**IS QUICKENED.** Ephesians 2:1. It is up to us to be made alive by being baptized (Col. 2:12-13).

**IS SAVED BY GRACE.** Ephesians 2:8. It is up to us to access God’s grace by faith (Rom. 5:2).

**WALKS IN GOOD WORKS.** Ephesians 2:10. It is up to us to walk in good works (Gal. 6:10; Heb. 10:24).

**IS IN THE ONE BODY.** Ephesians 2:16. It is up to us to be baptized into the one body (1 Cor. 12:13).

**IS SANCTIFIED.** 1 Peter 1:2. It is up to us to be sanctified through the truth (Jn. 17:17-19), by faith (Acts 26:18), in Christ (1 Cor. 1:2) and purge self (2 Tim. 2:21).

**IS REDEEMED.** 1 Peter 1:18. It is up to us to be baptized into Christ that we may be

redeemed by His blood (Gal. 3:27; Eph. 1:7).

**OBEYS THE TRUTH.** 1 Peter 1:22. It is up to us to obey the truth (Jn. 17:17).

**IS BORN AGAIN.** 1 Peter 1:23. It is up to us to be “*born of water and of the Spirit*” (Jn. 3:3, 5).

**OFFERS UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.** 1 Peter 2:5. It is up to us to “*Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God*” (Rom. 12:1).

**EARNESTLY CONTENTS FOR THE FAITH.** Jude 3. It is up to us to “*Fight the good fight of faith...*” (1 Tim. 6:12).

This is the person God has predestinated. It is up to us, as individuals, of our own free will, to be this person! When we become this person, we are of the “*predestinated*” in Christ, having obeyed the predestinated plan of God.

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## A STUDY OF THE WORD "HATE"

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The word "hate" occurs 87 times in the King James Version. "Hate" suggests a strong dislike or ill will toward persons or things. "Hate" is also used in the sense of loving less or regarding with less favor.

**STRONG DISLIKE.** "Hate" often stands opposed to love in the Scriptures. "A time to love, and a time to hate..." (Eccl. 3:8). "Hate the evil, and love the good..." (Amos 5:15). The Bible says that God hates. "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19). Isaiah 61:8 records, "For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering...." God said to Israel, "I hate, I despise your feast days..." (Amos 5:21). Zechariah 8:17 states, "And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts

against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD." Men may choose to hate God (Ex. 20:5), hate their brother (Lev. 19:17), hate their neighbor (Dt. 19:11), hate their wife (Dt. 22:13), hate the righteous (Ps. 34:21; Prov. 29:10), hate knowledge (Prov. 1:22), hate wisdom (Prov. 8:36), hate one who reproves (Prov. 9:8; Amos 5:10), hate the poor (Prov. 19:7), hate the good (Micah 3:2). Psalm 97:10 says, "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil...." "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil..." (Prov. 8:13). The Psalmist hated "the work of them that turn aside" (Ps. 101:3), "every false way" (Ps. 119:104, 128), "vain thoughts" (Ps. 119:113), "lying" (Ps. 119:163), and "them that hate the Lord" (Ps. 139:21-22). Jesus taught that His disciples would be hated (Lk. 6:22; Jn. 15:18; 1 Jn. 3:13). The world hated Jesus first (Jn. 7:7).

**TO REGARD WITH LESS FAVOR.** It is written, "And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now

therefore my husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son, and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon" (Gen. 29:31-33). Here it is said that Jacob hated Leah, but nothing more is meant than that she was loved less than Rachel. "...he loved also Rachel more than Leah..." (v. 30). Another example is when Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:26). To be a disciple of the Lord, one must not only hate all his kindred, but also hate his own life. Matthew 10:37 expresses it this way: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Thus, one must love the Lord more than he loves his family and regards himself, to be the Lord's disciple. Likewise, when speaking of Israel and Edom as nations, God said, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated" (Rom. 9:13; Mal. 1:2-3). The thought is that He loved the children of Israel more than Edom, the descendants of Esau.

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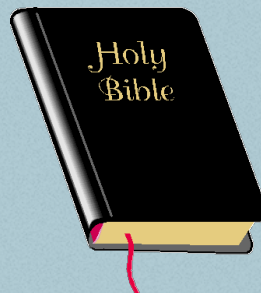
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