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Free-Will Verses Predestination

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Many ask, "Which is it? Exercise free-will or believe in predestination? We have biblical foundation for accepting both without compromise. We must accept the "*whole counsel of God*" on this matter and not the notions of men (Acts 20:27; Gal.1:6-10; I Cor. 1:18-21).

The Bible teaches that God elected, predestined or set in place, to save the souls of every individual who "*fears God and works righteousness*" (Acts 10:34-35). This determination was made prior to time eternal. God predetermined that men would be saved "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3-4, 7-12) according to His "plan" for human redemption (Eph. 3:10-11).

God also determined that man would have free-will, or simply the ability and responsibility to choose to obey Him (Gen. 3:1-6; Josh. 24:15; Mt. 11:28). He did not predestine the man (those individuals who would be saved or lost); He predetermined the plan (the how men would be saved). This plan can be found in: Acts 10:34-35; Eph. 1:3-12; Rom. 8:28-30; 10:9-17).

A misunderstanding of the above passages can lead one to believe that if a person is not predestined, he is out of luck, eternally damned, and without any recourse. One must understand that it is a particular group or class of people that God chose before the foundation of the world and not individuals. It is up to us to be a part of that class of those who are "*in Him*" if we want to be chosen!

Note how *Joe R. Price* illustrated it: "A school teacher on the first day of class told his students that some would pass and some would fail the course they were about to take. He then described the things necessary for one to be of those who would pass. At the end of the school year, just as the teacher had predestinated the outcome before he began, does it mean that he caused each individual to either pass or fail and there was nothing they could do about it? Certainly not! It was up to each student to be of whichever group he desired. Likewise, God predetermined before He made the world that he would choose those 'in Christ' and now it is up to us to be of those in Christ."

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015

Announcements: Troy Robertson
Sound Room: Dean Dillard
Usher: Chris Smithey

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
 Wed.: Ray Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

June 07:
 A.M. Phil Young
 Richard Adams
 P.M. Greg Clayton
 Harold Crowe

June 14:
 A.M. Roger Clayton
 Daniel Drummond
 P.M. Andy Clemmer
 Matt Jennings

June 21:
 A.M. Greg Harrison
 Jim Gann
 P.M. Richard Jennings
 Ruston Adams

June 28:
 A.M. Paul Ormon
 Perry Jones
 P.M. Anderson Parks
 Bill Lyon

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Olen Clark	South Head: Lonnie Weaver
North Helper I: Dillon Clayton	South Helper I: Tyler Weaver
North Helper II: Alvin Parks	South Helper II: Phillip Young

Scripture Reading:

June 07 — Thomas Wall
 June 14 — Michael Crotts
 June 21 — Hunter Jennings
 June 28 — Brad Pounders

Wednesday Prayers:

June 03 — David Clayton; Dan Cobb
 June 10 — Jason Jennings; Shane Crotts
 June 17 — Ray Kennedy; Jerry Grimmett
 June 24 — Mark Jennings; Caleb Jennings

Greeters:

June 07 — Brad & April Pounders
 June 14 — Roger & Kathy Clayton
 June 21 — Troy & Novene Robertson
 June 28 — Richard & Kathy Jennings

Usher & Lock:

June 07 — Greg Clayton
 June 14 — Roger Clayton
 June 21 — Brad Pounders
 June 28 — Harold Russell

Host Youth Devo: Jason & Amy Jennings **Prepare Communion:** Amy Jennings



From Cody's Desk:



Don't get me wrong, my family doesn't gamble, but for a while my brother enjoyed watching the World Poker Tour on ESPN. Now for some people you could not imagine a more boring way to spend the day, but he enjoyed it, and I got to hang out with my brother so I enjoyed it. Every once in a while the players would go "all in," this is when they put every chip they had in the pot, if they win they double their chips, if they lose they are done and out of the game. You are probably thinking, "why are you talking about poker?!" Well this idea of "all in" is something with which we need to be familiar. The idea of putting all our chips into one hand and having everything riding on that. This is what we must do as Christians. Revelation 3:15-16 tells us that God wants nothing to do with lukewarm Christians, He doesn't want someone who is kind of dedicated, He wants someone who is "all in." Being a Christians means dedicating our whole life to Him. You've undoubtedly heard this said before in some way or another, and you will probably hear it again before you die. That's because it is so incredibly important. If you are at a point that you want to be closer to God, you want to love Him more, or you want to be an all around better Christian, but you just can't seem to get there; look at the cards in your deck, and go "ALL IN."

AREA EVENTS

- The Summer Youth Series begins June 4th. The theme for this summer is 'Conquering Our Giants'. The first meeting will be held at the Fulton Church of Christ Thursday, June 4th, at 7pm. The guest speaker will be *Cody Hardin*. These meetings will be held at different congregations each Thursday, throughout the summer.
- Sherman Church of Christ invites you to their Friends and Family Day June 7th. The guest speaker will be *Ken Joines*.

Bible Verses To Remember

"If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:1, 2

For daily devotional & updates call NEWSLINE @ 534-0016

PRAYER LIST



Lisa Russell, mother of *Madison Griggs* will begin chemo and radiation treatments June 5.

Nancy Petrowski will have a rod and plate put in the top of her foot this week at Vanderbilt. The break in the top of her foot was not healing.

Shelba Aron, sister of *Patricia & Darrell Crow's* neighbor, has a serious lung infection.

Chris Windham friend and co-worker of *Andy Clemmer* has had his cancer to return. It is inoperable and his only choice of treatment is chemo.

Jennifer Vest, niece of *Betty Young* is in a Nashville Hospital with a life threatening staff infection.

Ann Wilson, sister of *Grace Lyon* is in the Tupelo Hospital. She continues to struggle with her health.

Lonnie Parker, nephew-in-law of *Jennie Bell* has been diagnosed with cancer.

Continue to Remember:

Timmy Bolden, Genice Collett, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Barbara Davis, Jackie Dodd, Jack Dunlap, John Elliott, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Natalie Griffin, Donna Haynes, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Salena Koester, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Whit Robertson, Joanna Rogers, Yolanda Stubblefield, Sheila Thomas, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, William Wilson, Andy Ulmer, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- June 01. Grace Lyon
- June 01. David Peeler
- June 02. Tyler Weaver
- June 04. Jim Dickerson
- June 05. Mike King
- June 06. Sallye Bowlin
- June 06. Perry Jones

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 01. Bill & Helen DePriest
- June 02. Bobby & Dixie White
- June 03. Ronnie & Linda Griggs
- June 04. Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield
- June 05. Brad & April Pounders



CHURCH COOKOUT



Remember the annual Wall's cook-out this Sat., May 30th, at the Wall's Lake. You may come anytime in the afternoon to fish or just visit. The meal will be served between 6:00 & 6:30 PM. Please remember to bring your lawn chair.

5TH SUNDAY SERVICES

We will have an All Day Service Sun., May 31st. There will be a fellowship meal (potluck) after our morning service. Our evening service will begin at 1:15 and lead by the Deacons. The Young Adult Class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up of the fellowship building.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

A Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat. June 6th at 7:00AM, at the fellowship building.. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please take a minute to sign the list so we will know how many to expect. All men young and old are encouraged to attend.



**Christ Living in Me...
To Be Seen in 2015!**

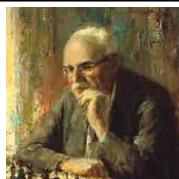


VBS June 15, 16, & 17

Just three weeks away!

I've Learned...

Those who walk with God reach their destination.



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....6:00
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

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ELDERS

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Troy Robertson316-3163

DEACONS

Greg Clayton252-9762
Roger Clayton 538-8195
Brad Pounders.....316-7931
Harold Russell..... 507-1180
Randy Wall 316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Caleb Jennings
A.M. Prayer.....Greg Clayton
Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings
P.M. PrayerDeacon
ClosingDeacon
Wed.6/03.....David Clayton
Wed.6/03.....Dan Cobb
Usher & Lock ...Lonnie Weaver
Greeter.....A & K Parks

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....143
Sunday A.M.....156
Sunday P. M..... 108
Wednesday.....113
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Slow Me Down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord!
Ease the pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace
With a vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me, amidst the confusions of my day,
The calmness of that everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
With the soothing music of the sighing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know
The magical restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art
Of taking minute vacations of slowing down to look at a flower;
To chat with an old friend or to make a new one;
To pat a stray dog,
To watch a spider build a web;
To smile at a child;
Or to read a few lines from a good book.
Remind me each day
That the race is not always to the swift;
That there is more to life than increasing its speed.
Let me look upward
Into branches of the towering oak
And know that it grew slowly and well.
Slow me down, Lord,
And inspire me to send my roots deep
Into the soil of life's enduring values
That I may grow toward the stars
Of my great destiny.
~ Wilfred A. Peterson ~