

9. FREE WILL

- review
 - God is sovereign: “To say God is sovereign is to declare that He is the Almighty, the Possessor of all power in heaven and earth, so that none can defeat His counsels, thwart his purpose, or resist His will.” – A.W. Pink
 - man is radically corrupt
 - Rom. 8:7-8; 1 Cor. 2:14; Tit. 1:15; Eph. 5:8
 - Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Mk. 7:21-23
 - Rom. 3:9-18; Jer. 13:23
- LIBERTARIANISM = unrestricted free will
- COMPATIBILISM
 - Scripture affirmation
 - Gen. 3:17
 - Rom. 5:12-19
 - Jn. 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19a
 - Scripture examples
 - Pharaoh
 - Joseph (Gen. 45:4-9)
 - explanation
 - “Biblical compatibilism seeks to demonstrate one simple reality. Every human action in the source of history has a dual explanation, one divine and one human.” Prov. 16:9 “God secretly stands behind them all [the plans of man], directing each set of footsteps along the specific course He designed. His guiding providence is like a transparent, colorless, odorless gas—the fuel that fires up the burners of human action. Yet He does so without undermining human freedom and responsibility.” – Scott Christensen
 - Westminster Confession of Faith (3.1): “God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.”
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