

Answering Objections to Election

Eph 1:4-6

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Review

Spurgeon quotes, Charles Simeon conversation with John Wesley

What is an antinomy?

JI Packer calls the enigma of divine sovereignty and human responsibility an
“antinomy”?

Three undeniable Scripture truths

- 1) God is sovereign in our salvation. (Eph 1:4-5; 2 Tim 2:19; John 6:44, 39)
- 2) We are free and responsible for our actions. (Prov 16:9; Mark 14:21; Acts 2:23)
- 3) We must repent and believe to be saved. (Rom 10:9-10; John 3:16; 6:40; 1:12)

What is God’s Decree, Predestination, Election and Reprobation?

“God has ordained that human beings shall keep their liberty under His sovereignty.”
Lorraine Boettner

Bible verses on God’s decree and human activity.

(Acts 2:23; 4:27-28; 13:27-29; Gen 45:5; 50:20; Romans 9:17)

Two Objections in Scripture

Romans 9:14 “Is there injustice with God?”

Romans 9:19 “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”

Our possible answer, and Paul’s answer.

Another Objection based on Scripture

God does not desire the death of the wicked (2 Peter 3:9; Ezekiel 18:32)

God is sovereign in our salvation.

We are responsible for what we do.