

The Westminster Confession

Chapter 9

Of Free-Will

1. God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty, that it is neither forced, nor, by any absolute necessity of nature, determined to good, or evil.
2. Man, in his state of innocency, had freedom and power to will and to do that which was good and well pleasing to God; but yet, mutably, so that he might fall from it.
3. Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation: so as, a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto.
4. When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, He freeth him from his natural bondage under sin; and, by His grace alone, enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good; yet so, as that by reason of his remaining corruption, he doth not perfectly, nor only, will that which is good, but doth also will that which is evil.
5. The will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to good alone, in the state of glory only.

SERMON WORKSHEET

Sunday 24th April, 2011 – PM service

“The Perfectly Free Will Perfectly Goes God’s Way”

READINGS: 1)..... 2)..... TEXT:

INTRODUCTION

This is a point at which we Calvinists stand out from the vast M..... of Christians
Many Christians will say we don’t believe in free will: TRUE / FALSE ? *Cross wrong one*
There is a B..... between God’s complete sovereignty and man’s responsibility
Martin Luther said, “The will is a will and not a N.....”

1 - MAN’S WILL PROVES HE CHOOSES HIS WAY

Scriptures speaks about choices laid out before people in: *Tick right box*

a) Deuteronomy 30:19 [] b) Hezekiah 12:4 [] c) Matthew 17:12 []

The Bible doesn’t picture human freedom as being free from all R.....

God’s sovereignty is fully realised when we truly use free will: TRUE / FALSE ?

2 - MAN’S WILL WAS ABLE TO GO GOD’S WAY

This is where we go back to G..... chapter 2 verses 16 & 17

God has a dictatorship over man: TRUE / FALSE ?

Ecclesiastes : confirms Genesis 1:26 that man was made “upright”

Man had the absolute liberty and also A..... to do good

3 - MAN’S SIN MEANS HE IS GOING ANOTHER WAY

In Ephesians 2:1-3 we saw the consequences of man’s C.....

The man who’s broken his marriage through his unfaithfulness can make things right:

a) by saying sorry [] b) by simply choosing to fix it []

Man has now become what the Bible calls a N..... man (Col..... :)

After the believer was questioned about his “decision” for Christ his friend showed him:

a) how God spoke through the message [] b) it was only God’s working that did it []

Luther’s famous E..... to Erasmus, ‘The Bondage of the Will’, shows this (Eph .. :-.....)

4 - MAN’S SALVATION BROUGHT HIM BACK TO BE ABLE TO GO GOD’S WAY

The reconciliation of man to God restores his freedom because it:

a) restores the relationship [] b) means we can do what we want to do []

Philippians ... verse ... says this is God working in us according to His good purpose

Perfectionism doesn’t do J..... to the Scriptures (see Rom ... : & :)

Your fighting against the flesh now shows you already have peace: TRUE / FALSE ?

5 - MAN’S GLORIFICATION WILL BE WHEN HE PERFECTLY GOES GOD’S WAY

When we are glorified it won’t be possible A..... to sin

Heaven is actually the truly H..... marriage! (1 John :)

To the doxology in Jude 24-25 we can only cry our, ‘A.....!’