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BIBLICAL FREE WILL



Foreword Biblical Free Will

In a world confused about freedom, destiny, and divine sovereignty, the Bible brings clear and comforting truth. Many believers wrestle with the tension between humanity's fallen, sinful condition and the genuine responsibility God places on every person. This essay explores the biblical reality of free will in salvation: how sin binds us, how the Father's drawing grace (**John 6:44**) liberates us, and how God grants a real moment of total free will to accept or reject Christ. **Far from dry theology, these truths are written to encourage your heart.** If you sense God drawing you today, know that His grace has opened a genuine door—you now stand free to surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is 100% by grace, yet that same grace invites a real and personal “yes” to the Savior. **May the**

Holy Spirit illuminate these Scriptures and lead you, or someone you love, into wholehearted faith in Christ.



The Biblical Reality of Free Will in Salvation

Humanity is born into sin, inheriting a fallen nature that binds the will and renders us spiritually dead and unable to seek God on our own. Scripture plainly declares this condition: “Surely I was sinful at birth” (**Psalms 51:5**), and “you were dead in your transgressions and sins” (**Ephesians 2:1**). In this state of bondage, the natural mind is hostile to God and cannot submit to His law (**Romans 8:7**). Left to ourselves, our choices would remain enslaved to sin’s desires, leading only to death. Yet **the Gospel does not leave us in despair**. God, in His great mercy, intervenes with a divine initiative that addresses this very bondage, opening the possibility of genuine response.

Central to this intervention is the Father’s drawing, as Jesus declares in **John 6:44**: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.” This drawing is not an afterthought but the essential first movement of grace. It breaks through the chains of sin, convicts the heart,

and creates space where a real decision becomes possible. The same Lord who draws all people to Himself through the cross (**John 12:32**) does so not by coercion but by gracious enablement. People can still resist the Holy Spirit (**Acts 7:51**), and Jesus lamented over those who “were not willing” (**Matthew 23:37**). The drawing therefore overcomes inability without overriding the human will.

This drawing is itself an expression of God’s prevenient grace — grace that goes before and makes response possible. Salvation remains entirely by grace (**Ephesians 2:8-9**), with nothing contributed by human merit. The grace in the drawing liberates the bound will, freeing it from sin’s total dominion so that a person can now hear, learn, and respond to the call of Christ (**John 6:45**). It is not autonomous human effort but a God-given capacity: the ability to receive what is offered. As **Revelation 3:20** so vividly pictures, Christ stands at the door and knocks, **but the individual must open it.**

The necessary response to this enabled moment is a personal choice of surrender — to repent, believe, and receive Christ as Lord. Verses such as **John 1:12** (“to all who received him... he gave the right to become children of God”) and **Romans 10:9** (“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart... you will be saved”) underscore that faith is a genuine act of the will. **This choice does not earn salvation; it simply accepts the gift.** God works in us both to will and to act (**Philippians 2:13**), yet the surrender remains ours to make.



Conclusion

In the end, the Father's drawing culminates in a moment of total free will to choose — **liberated from sin's bondage by grace**, the individual stands able to fully accept or deny Christ. **This is no puppetry**, but the beautiful reality of a relationship: God draws, and we respond. Whosoever will may come (**Revelation 22:17**). **The choice is real, the stakes eternal, and the invitation stands open: surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ and live.**

