

Paul – His Theology



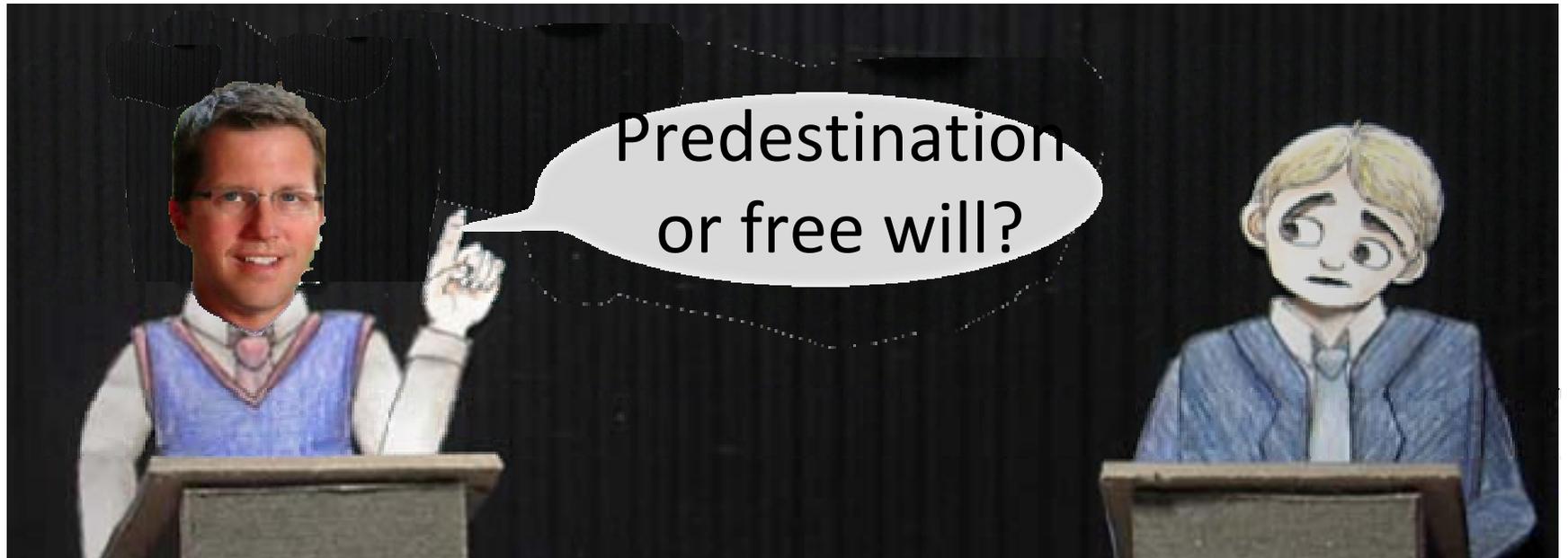
Predestination

Lesson 29

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High School Debate



The passages:

Romans 9:15-24

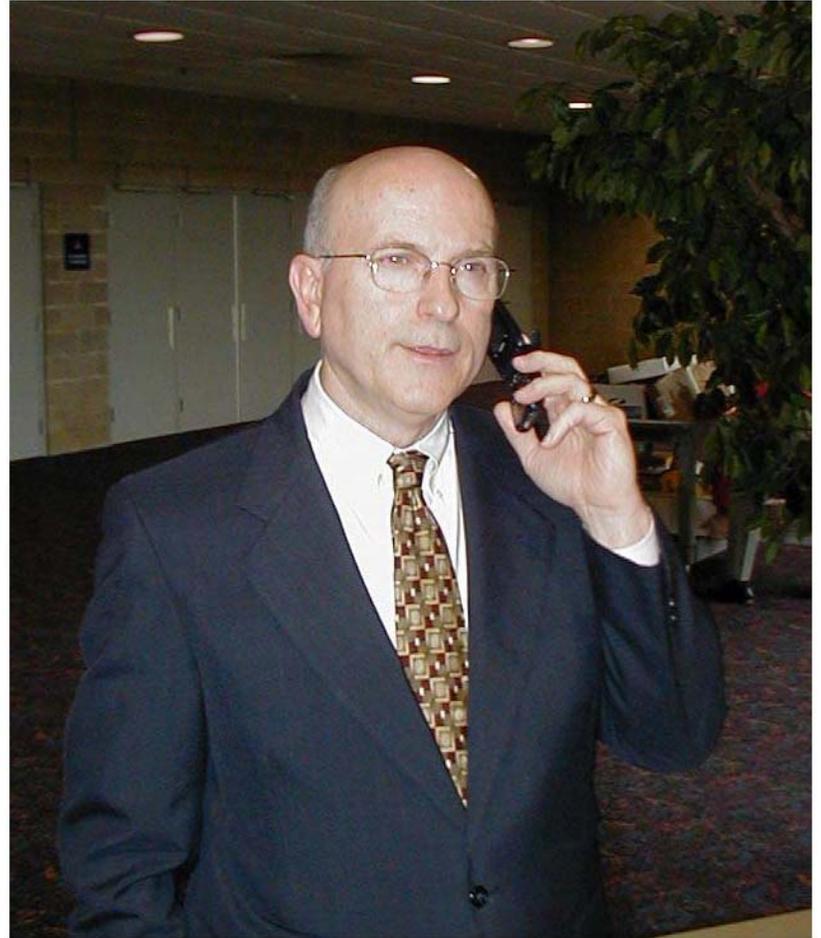
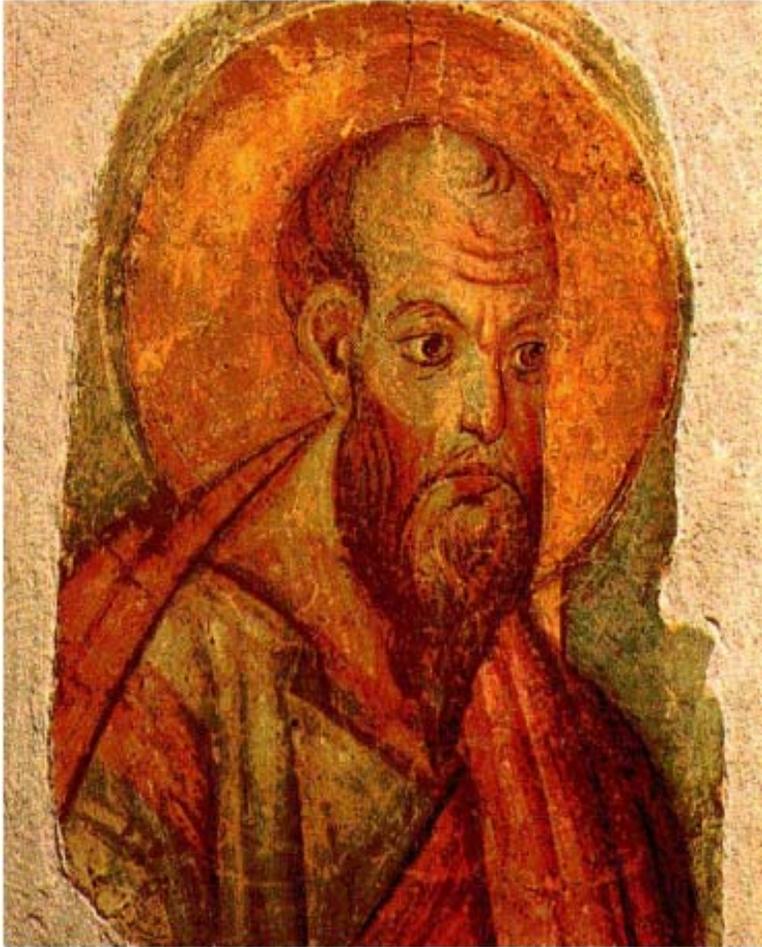
Vs.

Matt. 23:37

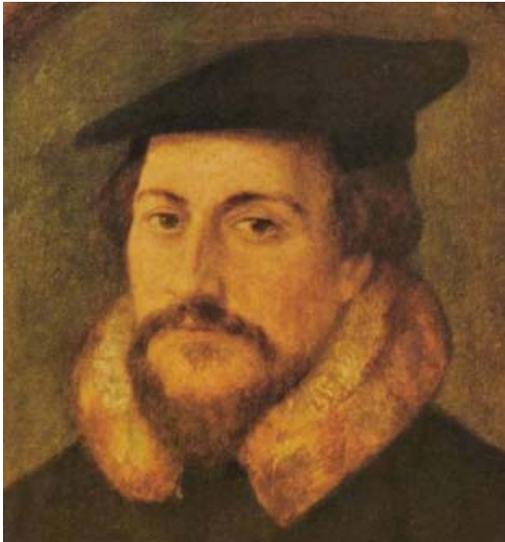
Let's have an honest showing of hands!



Paul's Day vs. Our Day



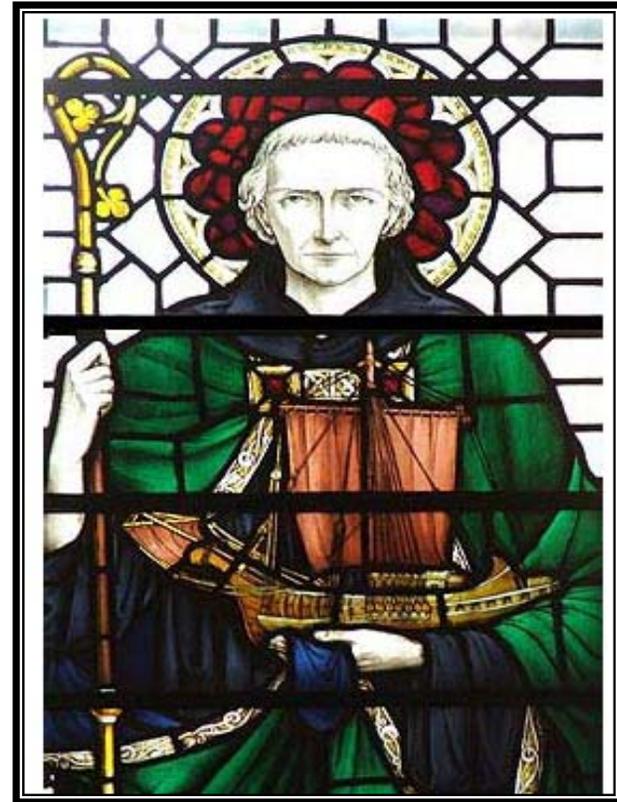
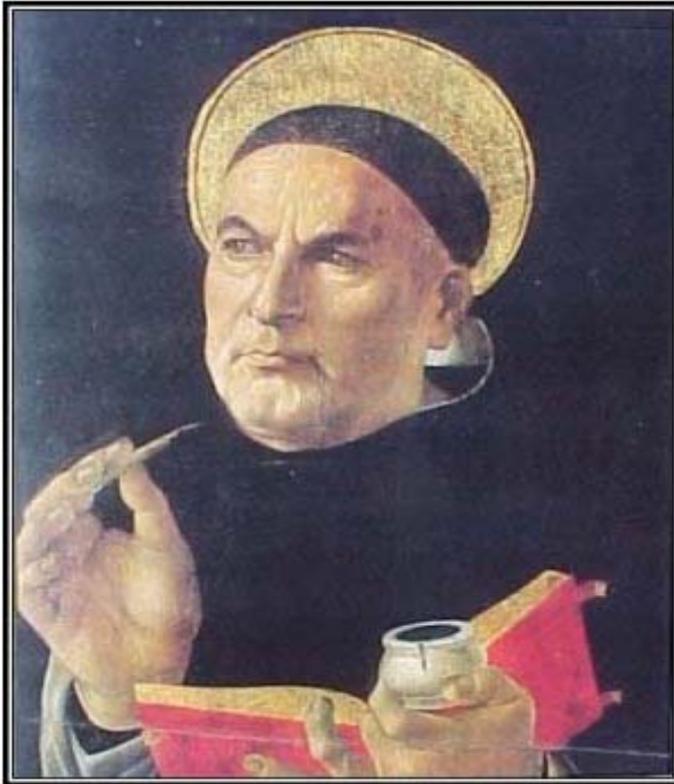
Calvin, Luther, Melanchthon



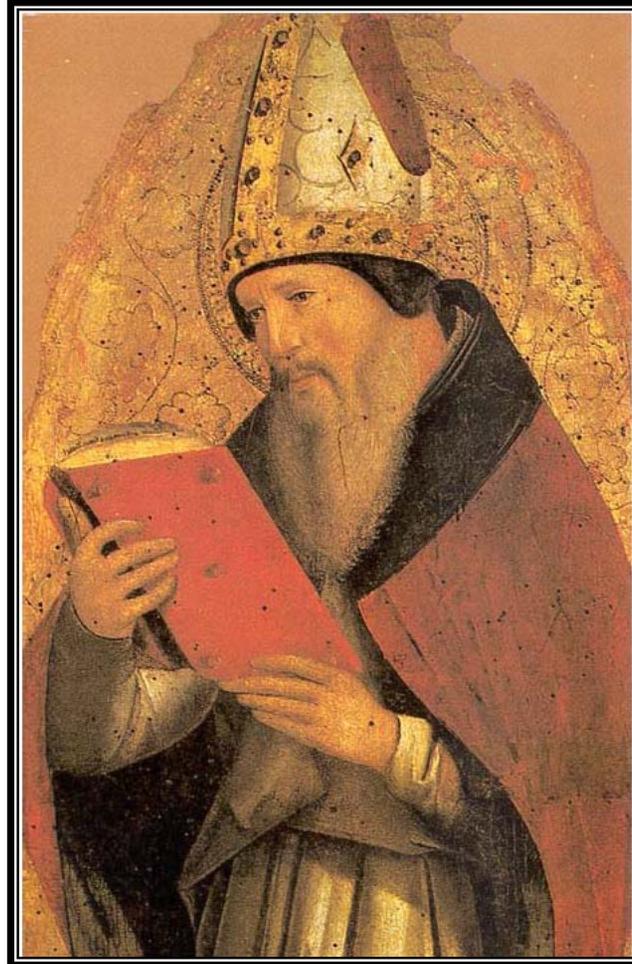
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Aquinas / Anselm



Augustine



Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD)

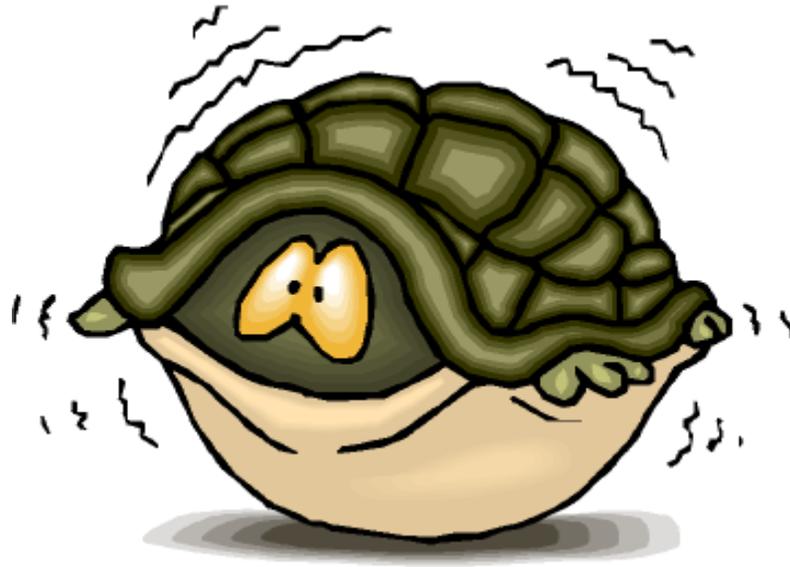


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A world of fear:
Can the gods control anything?



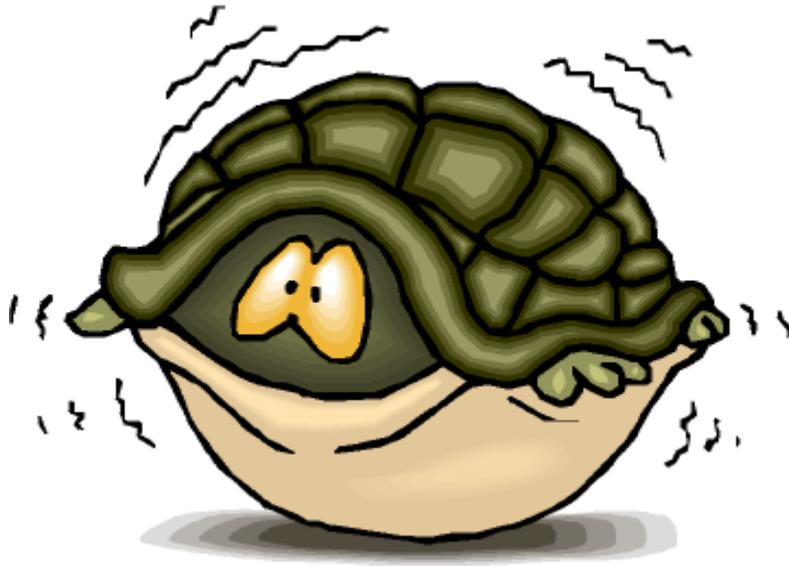


A world of uncertainty:
Will the gods be involved?





Paul pastors in this world



Fear



Uncertainty

Compare Paul on God to Pliny as Paul writes:

Ephesians 1:4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:4

Romans 8:28-30

Romans 9:14-21

Which world was Paul speaking to?

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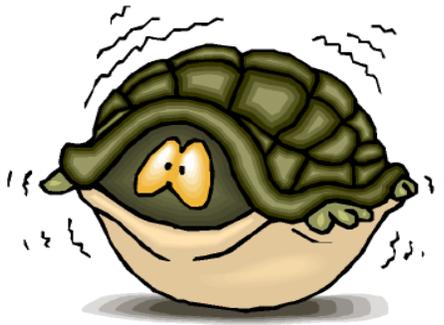


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Fear and
uncertainty

Let's preach Paul's message for a moment



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Don't doubt
Don't fear

Let's preach Paul's message for a moment



Oh, and don't
get proud!

Set aside the doubting/fearful and consider those shirking responsibility

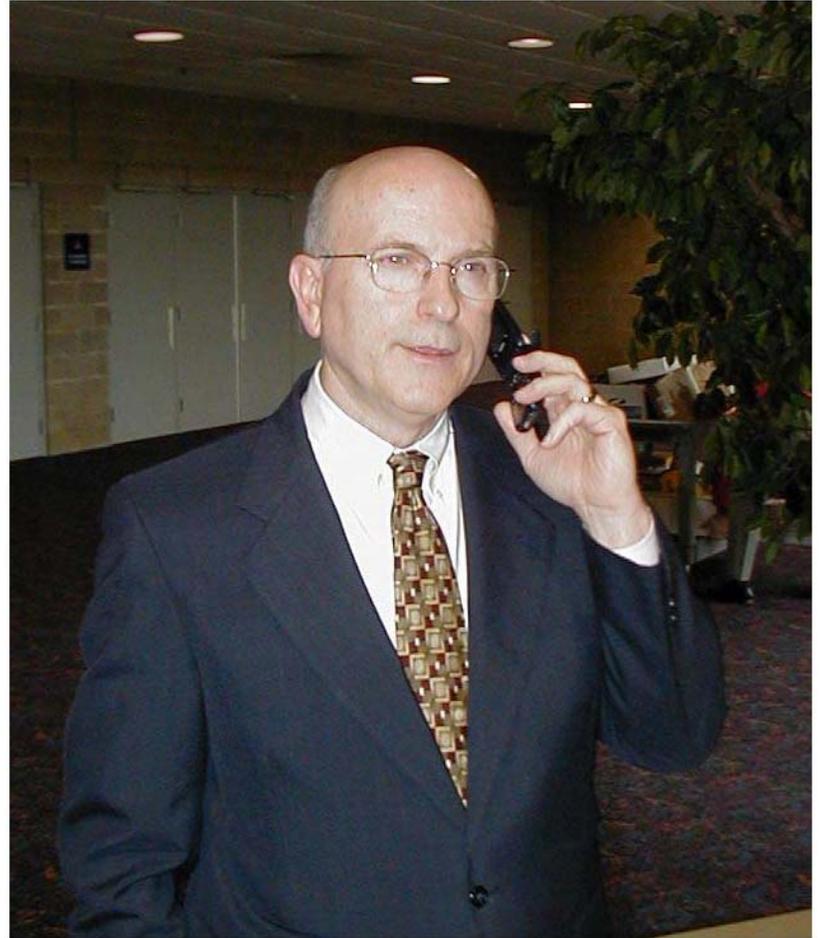
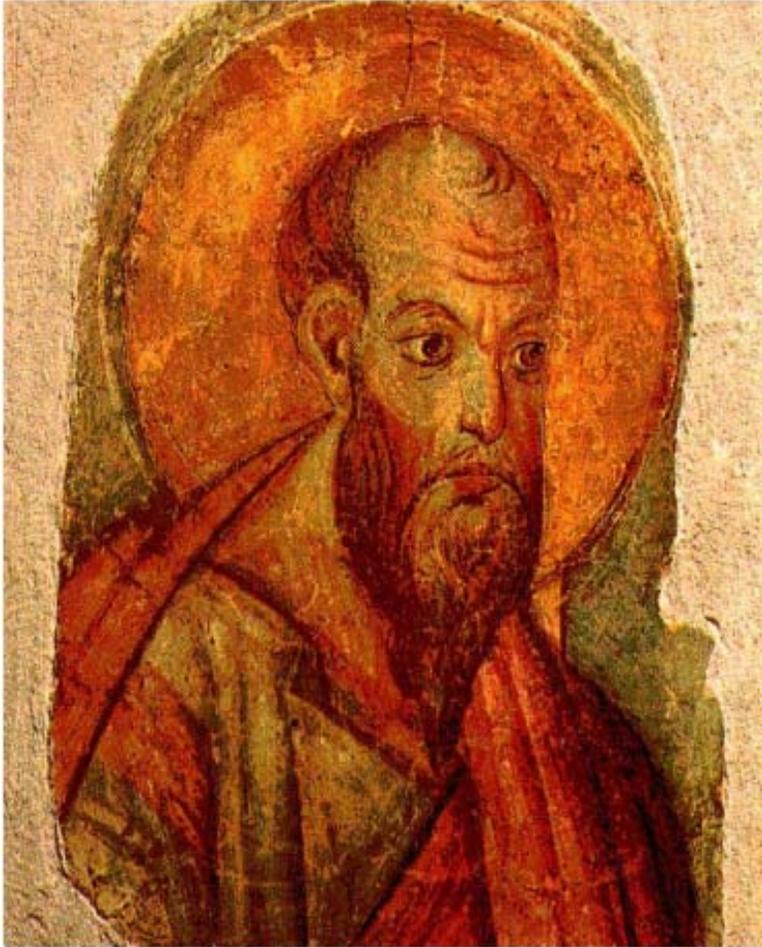


Pastor Paul writes:



Gal. 1:6
Ephesians 2:8-10
Eph. 4:1

Paul's Day vs. Our Day



Paul speaks to our day



Does God pick out who goes to heaven?

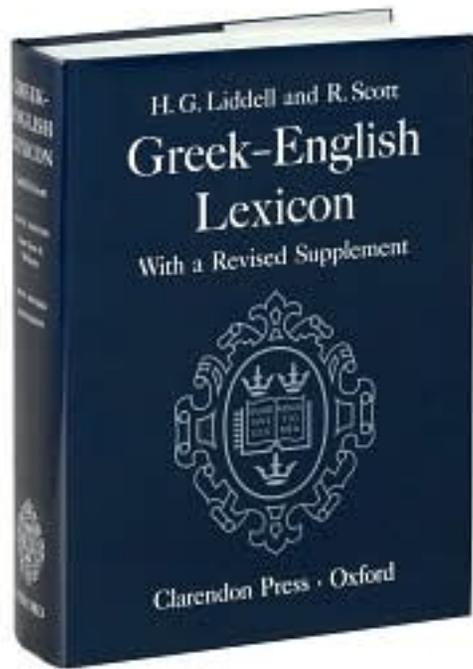


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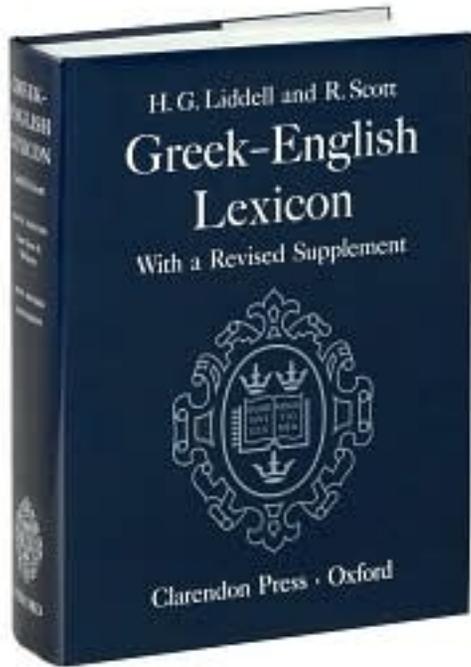


Yes and no!
I did say
proorizo!

Greek for the day:

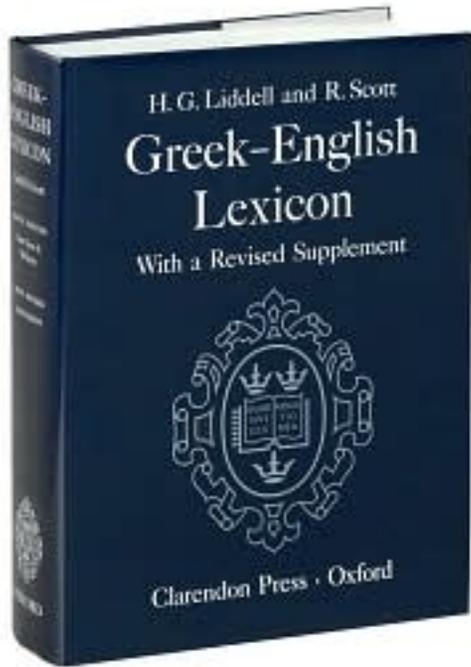


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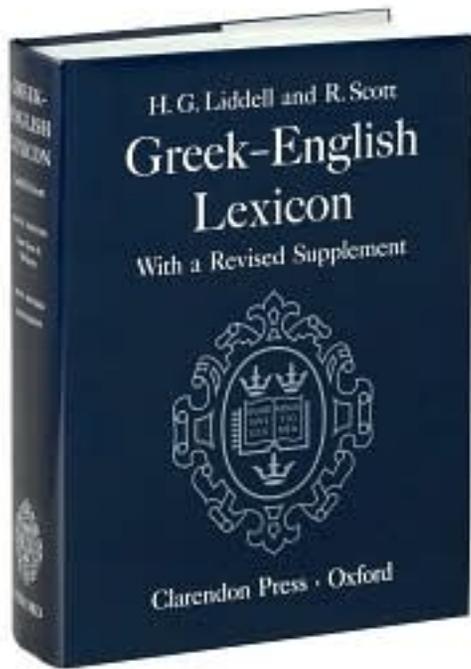
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Used 5x in NT

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Yes and no!
God has predestined
and man has chosen!



Consider
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(Rm 9:17-18; Ex. 4:21)



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Pharaoh hardened
his own heart

(Ex. 8:15, 32; 9:34)

But doesn't God keep people from hearing the truth and believing?



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Look carefully at what I said! Coins have two sides!

Is there any point in evangelizing?



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Absolutely!!!
I wrote Romans
10:13-17!

How can God be fair and send people to hell?



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No one who goes to hell has any excuse!

What about the native Amazonian?



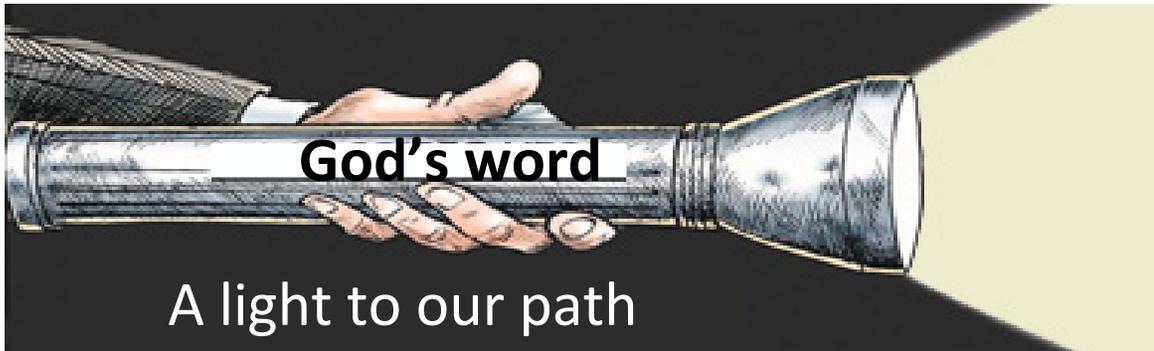
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Scripture never
directly answers
this question!
Neither do I!



Ready to conquer sin?
Sanctification coming!



A light to our path

Points for Home



"For we know ... that he has chosen you" (1 Ths. 1:4)

NO WORRIES!



A light to our path

Points for Home



“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called”
(Eph. 4:1)

God chose you; so act like it!



Points for Home



*“How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!” (Rom.
11:33)*

**Don't put God in a box; Live in
wonder and awe!**