

# Paul – His Theology



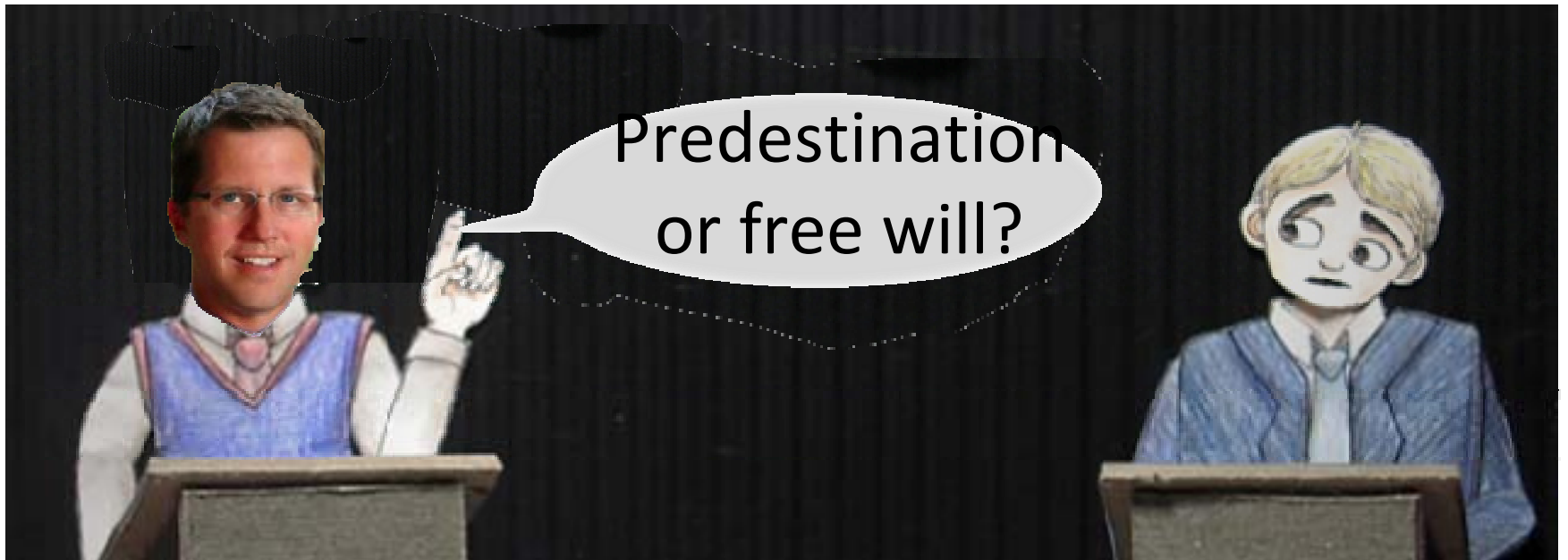
Predestination

## 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





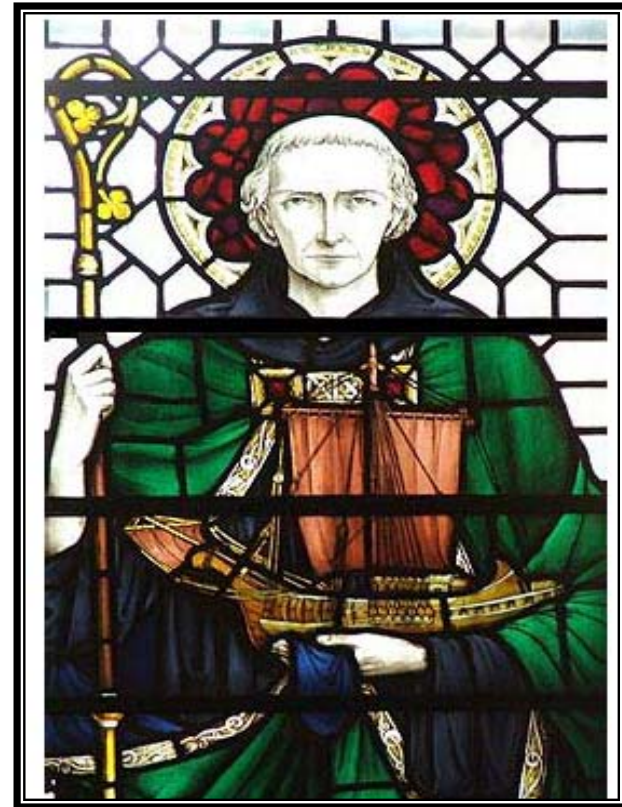
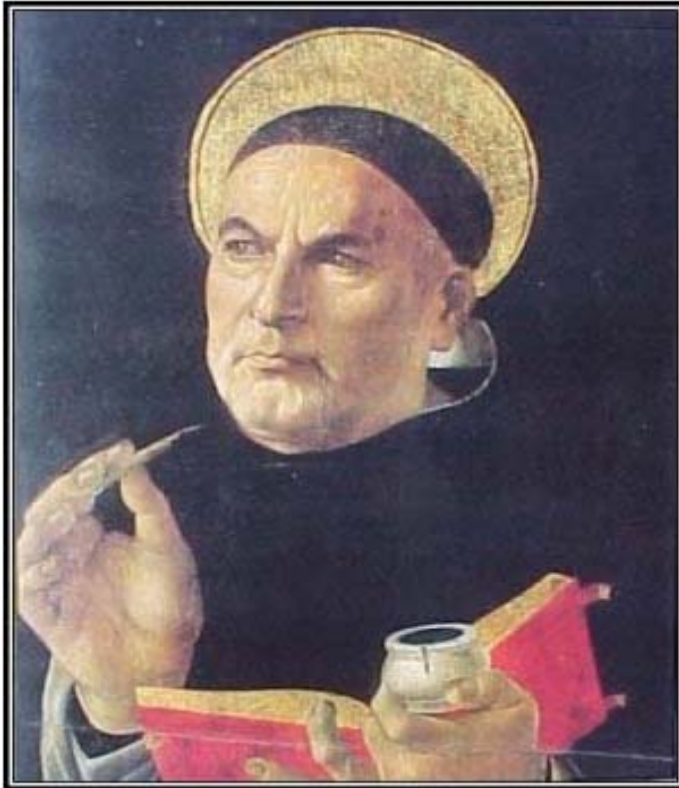
# Calvin, Luther, Melanchthon



# John Hus

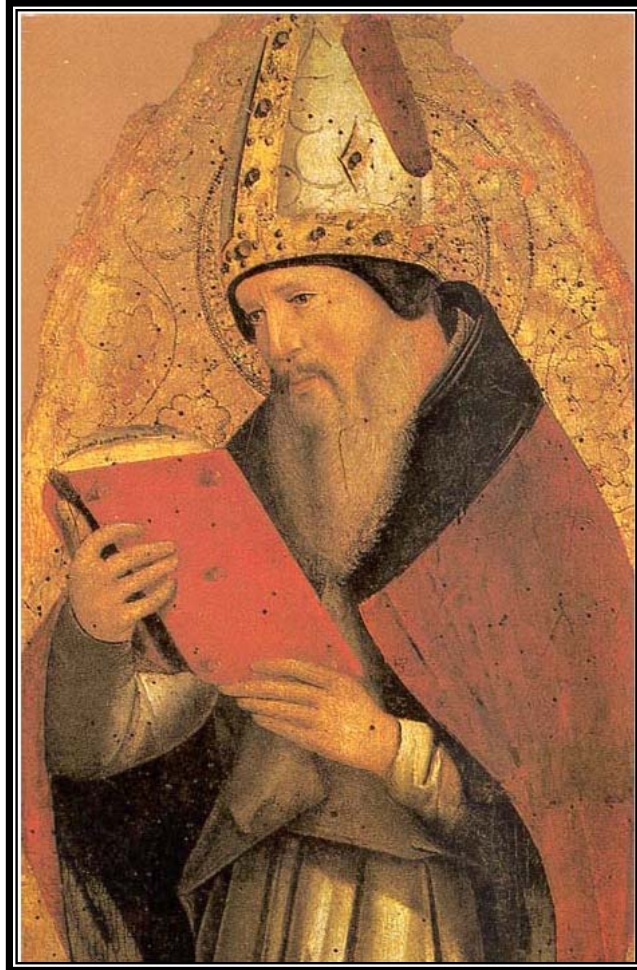


# Aquinas / Anselm





# 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

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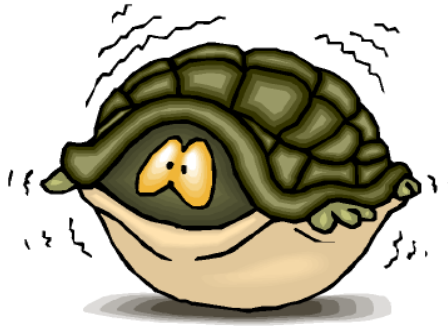


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# Which world was Paul speaking to?



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Fear and  
uncertainty



Let's preach Paul's message for a  
moment



# Let's preach Paul's message for a moment



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



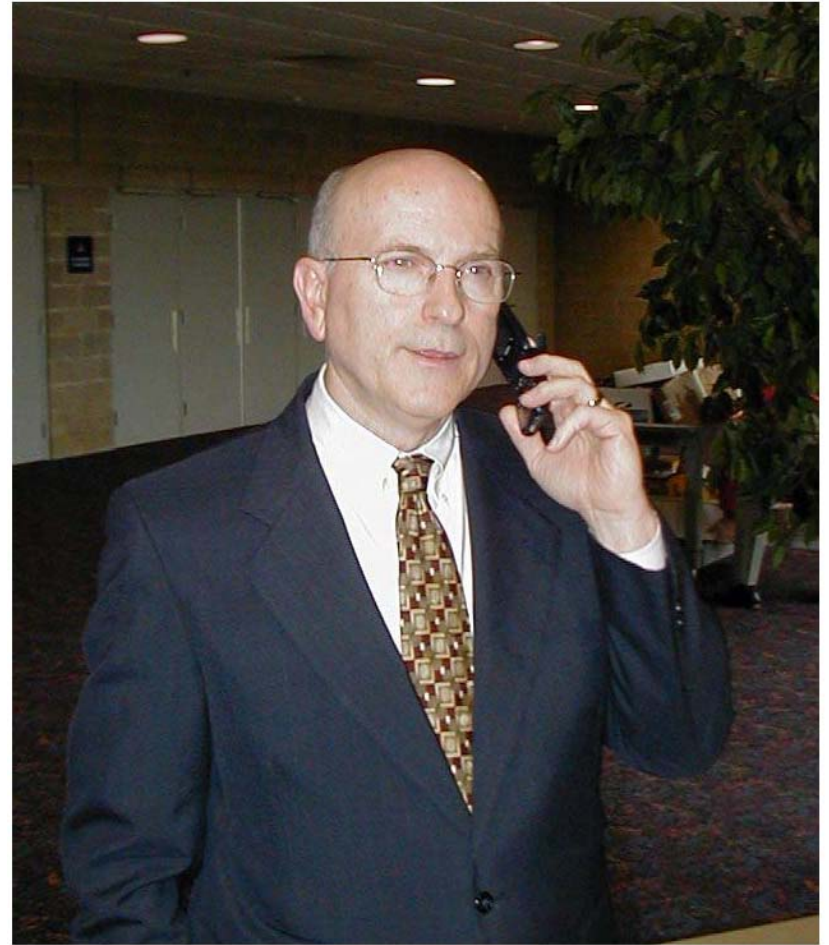
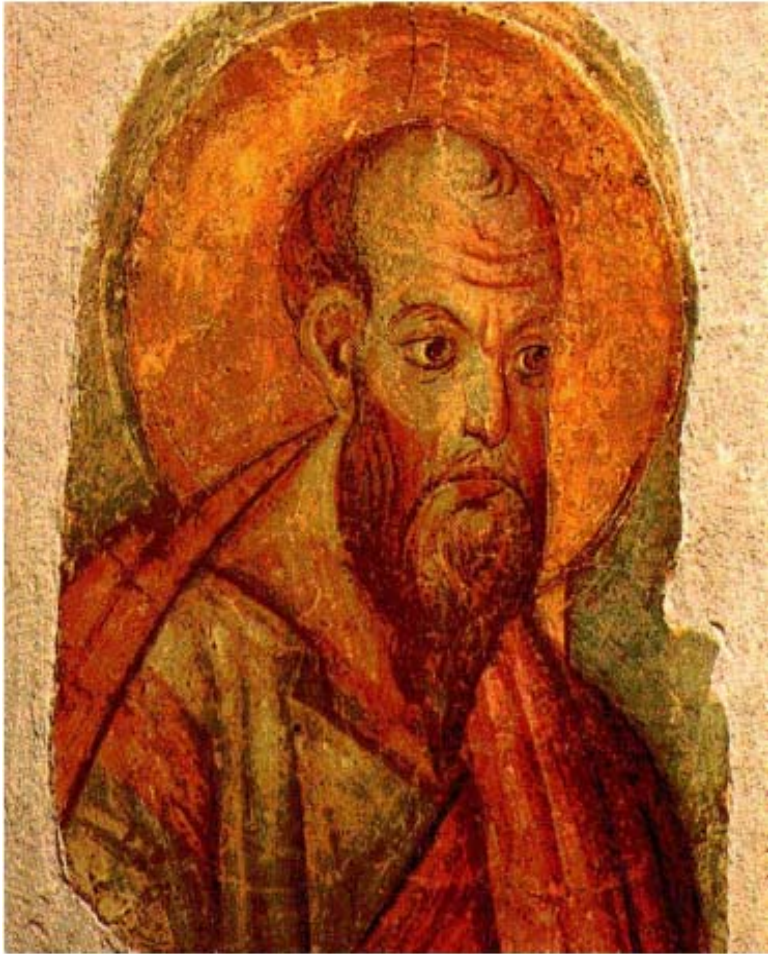
# Pastor Paul writes:



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



# Paul's Day vs. Our Day



# Paul speaks to our day



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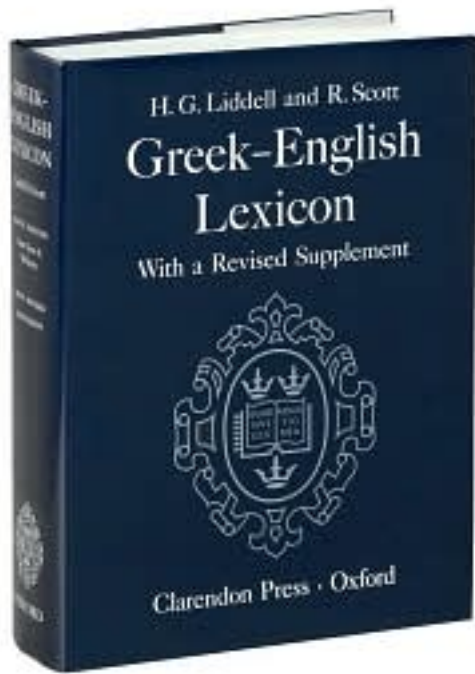


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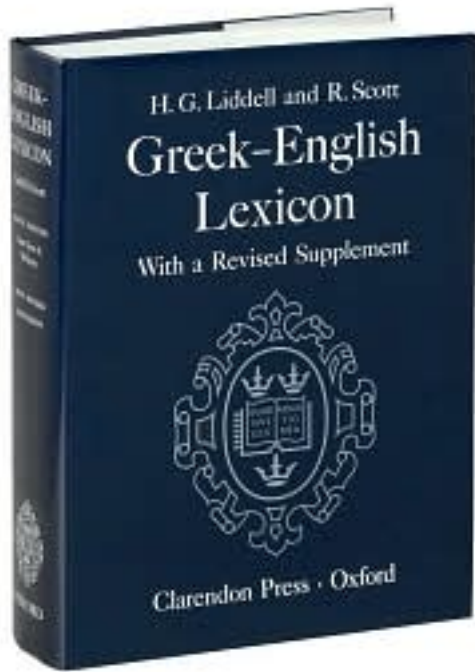
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I did say  
*proorizo!*

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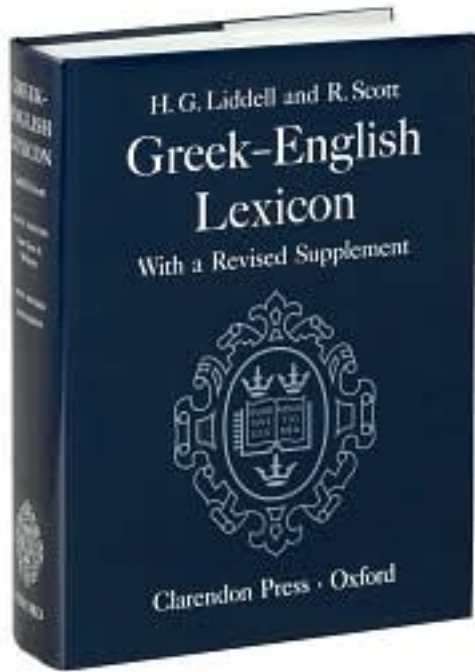


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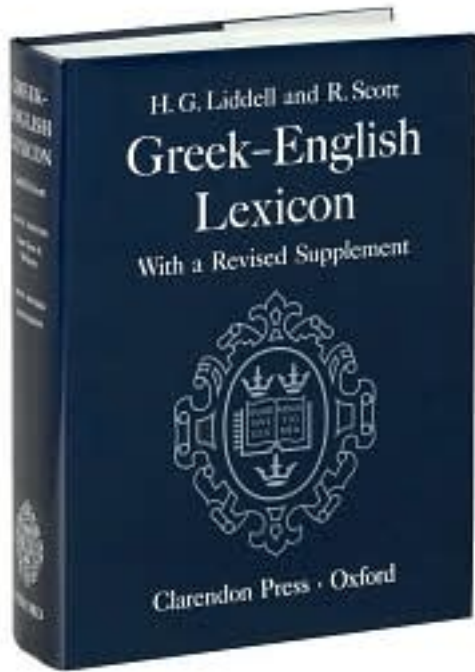
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Used 5x in NT

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





Consider  
Pharaoh



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God hardened his  
heart  
(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?





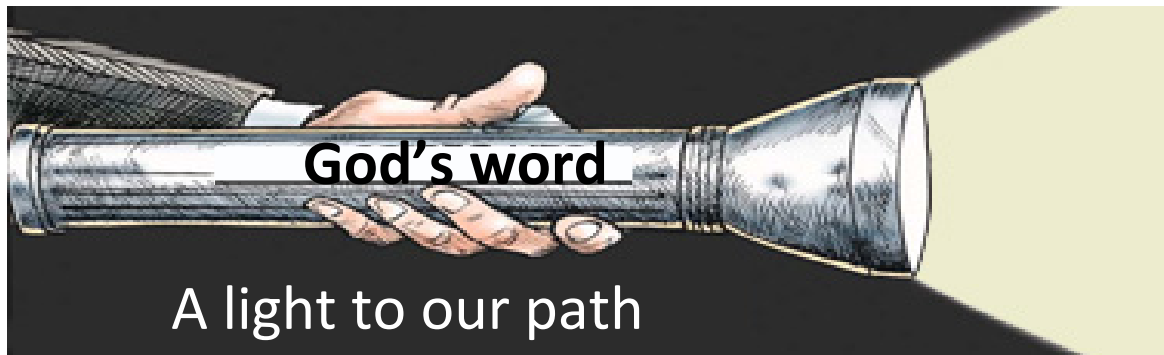
# What about the native Amazonian?



Scripture never  
directly answers  
this question!  
Neither do I!



Ready to conquer sin?  
Sanctification coming!



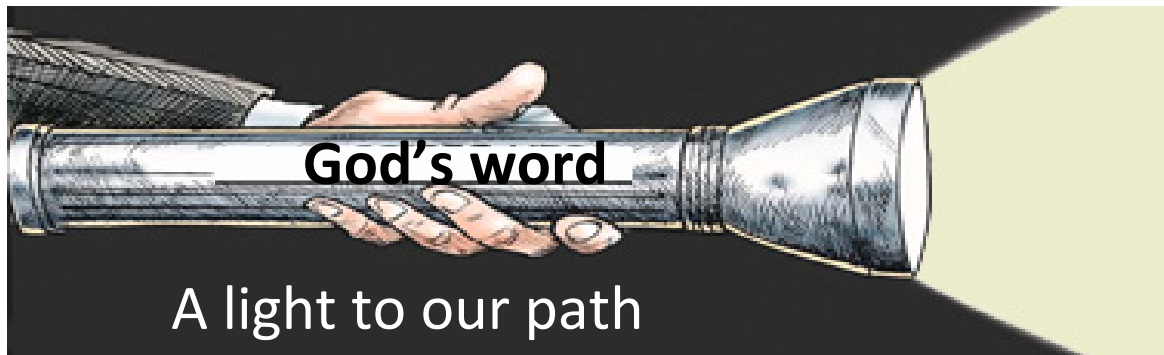
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*"For we know ... that he has chosen you" (1 Ths. 1:4)*

**NO WORRIES!**



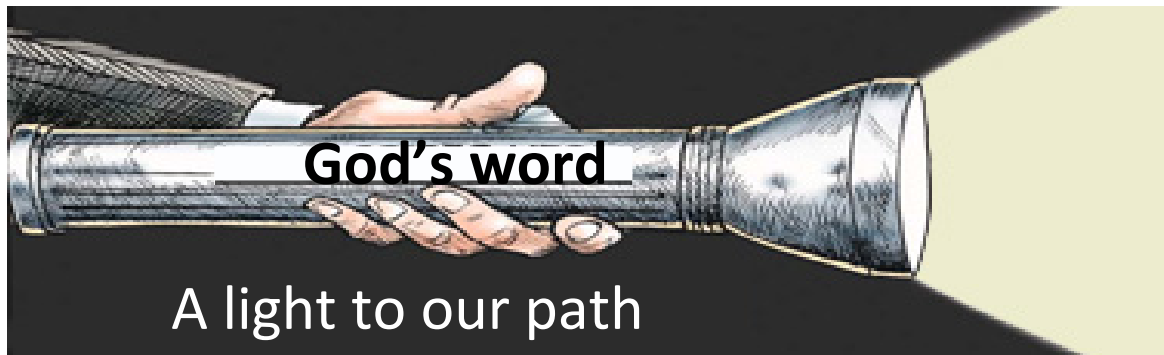
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*“Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called”  
(Eph. 4:1)*

**God chose you; so act like it!**



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*"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!**