

## **RECONCILING SOVEREIGNTY AND FREE-WILL**

**God is infinitely more sovereign because He can give man free-will and still remain sovereign.**

**God chose in eternity past that whoever continues to respond favorably to God's convicting Spirit to the point of finding grace too attractive to resist will experience saving faith, regeneration, and ultimate glorification. Ephesians 1:1-14**

**Free-will enables a person to respond favorably to God's convicting Spirit but free-will can also reject conviction. God's initiative is His convicting Spirit.**

**John 16:6-11**

**God, in eternity past, knows who will respond with saving faith and who will not, and God knows without forcing anyone. A person is free to respond favorably to or reject Holy Spirit conviction. There can be no failure in God's redemptive plan. All who God foresaw respond with saving faith will be saved and no force is involved.**

**Matthew 23:37**

**The Cross of Jesus condemned and sentenced sin to removal from all creation. The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus gave Him the right as Second Adam to remove sin from all who believe and receive eternal life in Christ.**

**Romans 8:3,4    Romans 5:1-21**

**The Cross, by itself, did not procure regeneration to anyone. The Cross gave Jesus the right to procure regeneration for all who believe and receive Jesus.**

**Romans 5:10    1 Corinthians 15:17**

**The Blood of Jesus applied to the believer is the life-giving Spirit who indwells.**

**John 6:53-58; 7:38-39**

**God's salvation of an individual is not unconditionally selective. Conviction of the Holy Spirit is necessary for salvation but occurs in all persons regardless of consequential faith or unbelief. John 16:7-11**

**God's grace is common to all people and is not a selective force within itself.**

**Titus 2:11-13 1 John 2:2 2 Peter 3:9**

**People are born of God by the will of God after they receive Christ through faith.**

**John 1:12-13**

**Predestination only refers to existing born again people to adoption, sanctification, and glorification, and not to conversion. Romans 8:23, 29-30; Ephesians 1:5-11**

**Election is to service, calling and purpose. Today those found "in Christ" are then elected. Ephesians 1:4-14**

**Salvation is eternally secured by the sealing of the Spirit, not by election.**

**2 Corinthians 1:22 Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30**

**Unbelief condemns a person because it is the exclusive point of access to the saving grace of God. John 3:18,36 Romans 5:2**

**Believers are saved by regeneration in real time and not at the Cross of Jesus 2000 years ago. Titus 3:5**

**Believers are saved by His life and not by His death alone. 1 Corinthians 15:17  
Romans 5:10**

