

PREVAILING LOVE

A STUDY ON DIVINE PREDESTINATION



LEFT TO SELF

Clarifying **Grace** and **Justice**

THE TWOFOLD DIFFICULTY

1. **Theological** Problem

Unbiblical depictions of God and the gospel

God is accused of **unrighteousness**

2. **Logical** Problem

Violation of the rules of antithesis

God is accused of **special pleading**

The **Logical** Problem

Election's Antinomy

Logical Analysis

~~DOUBLE PREDESTINATION~~

Chosen by God for Salvation

Chosen by God for Damnation

Logical Analysis

PROPER ANTITHESIS OF ELECTION

Chosen by God for Salvation

Not chosen by God for Salvation

Logical Analysis

BIBLICAL PREDESTINATION

Chosen by **God** for Salvation

Left to **Self**

Logical Analysis

(C) **judicial**

redemption

retribution

Logical Analysis

(B) moral	Christ Justified by faith in Christ	self Guilty by desires of the heart
(C) judicial	redemption	retribution

Logical Analysis

(A) electoral	chosen	not chosen
(B) moral	Christ Justified by faith in Christ	self Guilty by desires of the heart
(C) judicial	redemption	retribution

Logical Analysis

BIBLICAL PREDESTINATION

Chosen by **God** for Salvation

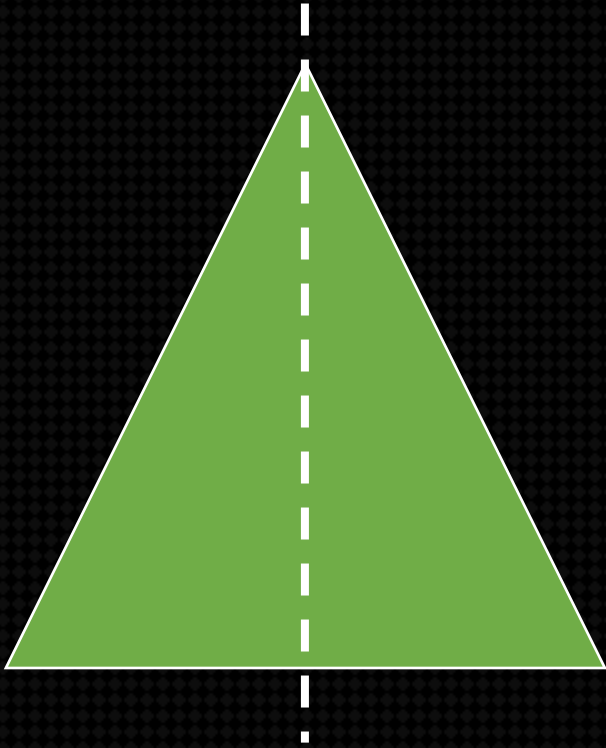
Left to **Self**

Asymmetry

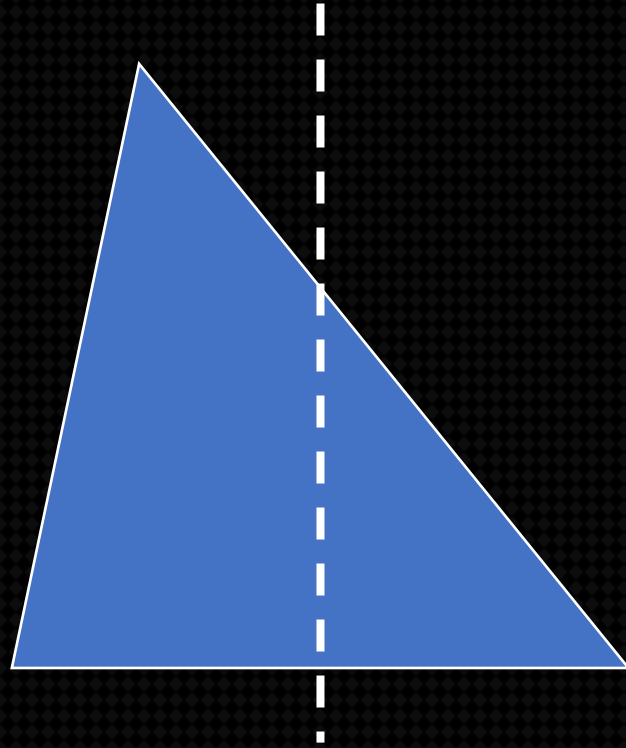
The key to understanding election and predestination

Principle of Asymmetry

Symmetrical



Asymmetrical



For the **wages** of sin is death,
but the **free gift** of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Counter Claims

Addressing assumptions for double predestination

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1 Peter 2:8

- Based on Christ being chosen (2:4)
- In response to Christ being rejected (2:6-8)
- "destined" is not "predestined"
- Destined people, not a principle
- Destined to "stumble" not condemnation
- Their stumbling was the result of disobedience
- In contrast, those who believe are "chosen" (2:9)

For certain people have crept in unnoticed **who long ago
were designated for this condemnation**, ungodly
people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality
and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jude 4

- Context is a call to contend despite corruption
- "designated" means "formerly written" (Romans 15:4)
- Speaks of the prediction of Scripture (17-18)
- "long ago" never refers to eternity (Hebrews 1:1)
- "this condemnation" points forward (6, 15)
- Call to mercy (22-23)

Romans 9

KEY PRINCIPLES

1. Problem: **personal rejection of Christ**
2. Israel's **failure** is not God's failure
3. God is **faithful** to His word
4. God's **promises** are linked to God's **election**
5. Accusation of **injustice** (view to mercy)
God is not obligated to show mercy
6. Accusation of **injustice** (view to judgment)
God is the right to grant or withhold mercy

	“VESSELS OF WRATH”	“VESSELS OF MERCY”
God’s Active Relationship	[God] has endured	[God] has prepared
Temporal Condition	with much patience	beforehand
Purpose	to show	
Attribute	wrath	
Purpose	to make known	to make known
Attribute	His power	His glory
Emphasis: <i>undeserving</i>		the riches of
Emphasis: <i>deserving</i>	“having been prepared/fitted”	
Consequence	for destruction	for glory

For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation,
the ministry of righteousness **must far exceed it in glory.**

2 Corinthians 3:9

Hardening a heart is judging it



