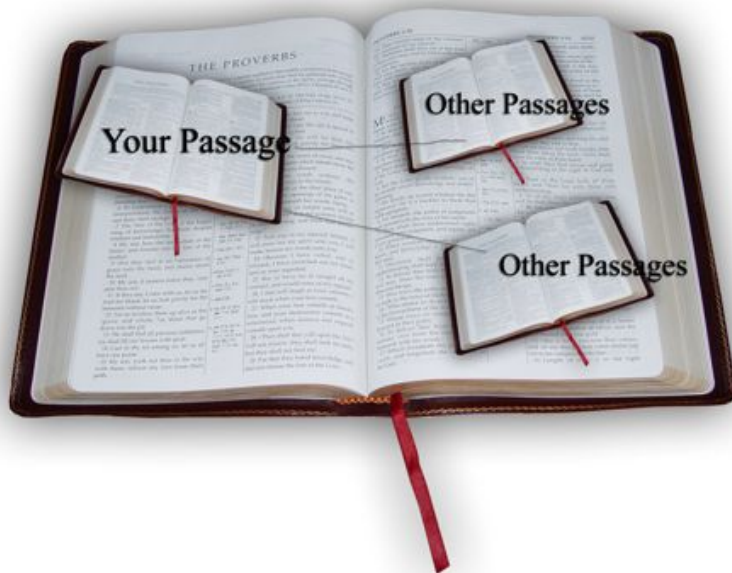




Ordained To *Eternal Life?*

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**THE ONLY SAFE WAY TO INTERPRET THE WORD OF GOD IS TO
COMPARE SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE**

“ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE”

Does it teach predestination?

If it does, does it contradict verse forty-six, that emphasizes human responsibility in accepting or rejecting “everlasting life.”

It also contradicts First Timothy. 2:4, Second Peter 3:9, and scores of other verses in Scripture.

- a. (Acts 13:46) - “Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.”

CALVIN TAUGHT THAT GOD ORDAINED ADAM TO SIN

Calvin said, “That the Fall of Adam was not by accident, nor by chance; but was ordained by the secret counsel of God.” He said, “The first man fell because the Lord deemed it meet that he should.” (Institutes Book 3.23)

Edwin Palmer said, “God has ordained sin. God is back of everything. He decides and causes all things to happen that do happen, ... even sin.”

R. C. Sproul said, “God desired for man to fall into sin... God created sin.” (R.C. Sproul, Almighty Over All Baker Book House, 1999), 54, cited in Hunt, 221.)

A. W. Pink said, “God had also foreordained sin should enter the world.” (The Sovereignty of God Appendix B, The Case of Adam.)

THINK IT THROUGH!

Should anyone question why we refer to Calvinism as heresy? According to the blasphemy above, God “desired” David to commit adultery. Deuteronomy 5:21 says man should not, “desire thy neighbour’s wife,” but God desired David to desire his neighbour’s wife. **If that is not heresy what does one have to teach in order to teach heresy?**



- b. **(First Timothy 2:4)** - *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”*
- c. **(Second Peter 3:9)** - *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

(For many other verses concerning our free will see our book - **“CALVINISM - None Dare Call It Heresy”** -

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COMPARING SCRIPTURE WITH SCRIPTURE

The word *“ordained”* occurs in thirty-seven verses in the Bible and is used in many different ways.

1. It is used of an **office**. (Example - First Timothy 2:7 - *“I am ordained a preacher...”*)
2. It is used of **choosing** something. (Example - Acts 16:4 - *“...they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.”*)
3. It is used of **enacting** something. (Example - Romans 13:1 - *“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”*)
4. It is used concerning **creation**. - Example - Psalm 8:3 - *“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained,”*
5. It is used concerning **a feast**. - Example - First Kings 12:32 - *“And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month...”*
6. It is used concerning **money**. - Example - Ephesians 2:10 - *“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they*

which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

7. It is used concerning **our walk**. Eph 2:10 - *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*

Demas was ordained to walk, *“...in Christ Jesus unto good works,”* however, he exercised his free will and forsook those good works, *“...having loved this present world.”*

A study of the remaining thirty verses where the word ordained is used will reveal that although

the word is used in many ways, if kept in their context the word is never used concerning someone being ordained to Heaven or Hell.

The Greek word translated *“ordained”* in Acts 13:48 is *“tasso.”* It occurs in the following verses.

In Matthew 28:16 - **the word is used to simply tell the disciples to go to a certain mountain.** *“...a mountain where Jesus had appointed (tasso) them.”* They chose to go to that mountain and meet with the Lord. We read, *“Then the eleven disciples went...”*

In Luke 7:8 - **the word is used explaining a man’s position in life.** *“For I also am a man set (tasso) under authority, having under me soldiers...”*

In Acts 15:2 - **the word is used concerning making a choosing where to go.** *“...they determined (tasso) that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem...”*

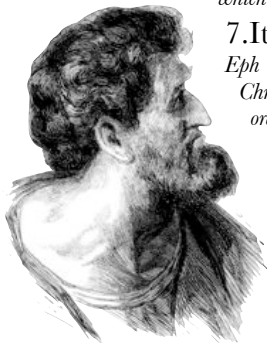
In Acts 22:10 - **the word is used concerning Paul choosing to learn some things God wanted him to know.** *“...it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed (tasso) for thee to do.”*

In Acts 28:23 - **the word is used concerning choosing a time to meet with Paul.** *“And when they had appointed (tasso) him a day, there came many to him into his lodging...”*

In Romans 13:1 - **the word is used in the context of choosing to obey political authorities.** *“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained (tasso) of God.”*

In First Corinthians 16:15. - **the word is used concerning some sincere Christians.** *“I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted [tasso] themselves to the ministry of the saints,)”*

Again, **Ephesians 2:10** says, *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,*





which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” **Demas chose not to walk in the “good works, which God hath before ordained.”**

In First Corinthians 16:15 those of “the house of Stephanas,” - (tasso - ordained) themselves to the ministry.”

VERSES ABOUT CHOOSING

Genesis 13:11

“Lot **chose** him all the plain of Jordan.”

First Samuel 13:2

“Saul **chose** him three thousand men.”

Exodus 17:9

“**Choose** us out men, and go out, fight.”

Hebrews 11:25

“**Choosing** to suffer affliction.”

Joshua 24:15

“...**Choose** you this day whom ye will serve.”

Proverbs 1:29

“They...did not **choose** the fear of the LORD.”

The word “choose” is in the Bible over sixty times and the word always means choose! Cults and Calvinism can only survive when they say the Bible is saying something different from what it is saying. “When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense seek no other sense lest it all become nonsense.”

VERSES ABOUT REFUSING

Nehemiah 9:17

“...refused to obey.”

Psalms 78:10

“...refused to walk in his law.”

Proverbs 1:24

“I have called, and ye refused.”

Zechariah 7:11

“...refused to hearken,”

Genesis 37:35

Jacob, “...refused to be comforted.”

First Samuel 8:19

“The people refused to obey.”

Psalms 78:10

“...refused to walk in his law.”

Proverbs 1:24

“I have called, and ye refused.”

Hebrews 12:25

“See that ye refused not him that speaketh.”

Hebrews 11:24

“Moses, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.”

Jeremiah 11:9-10

“...refused to hear ...”

The words “refuse” or “refused” are found in the Bible over fifty times. To suggest the Bible teaches that man does not have the freewill to make decisions is foolish.

VERSES ABOUT BELIEVING

John 3:15

“Whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have eternal **life**.”

John 3:16

“Whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting **life**.”

John 3:36

“He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting **life**...”

John 5:24

“-He that heareth my word, and **believeth** ... hath everlasting **life**...”

John 6:40

“...every one which... **believeth** on him, may have everlasting **life**...”

The Bible says,

“But these are written, that ye might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that **believing** ye might have **life** through his name.”
(John 20:31)

DOES THIS MEAN WE ARE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE?

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If it does, it contradicts much of the Scriptures on the subject. **It also means God has predestined some to Hell, which is heresy and it is blasphemy.**

For a more detailed discussion see...