

THE TRUTH ABOUT PREDESTINATION

This week, Pastor D.J. guides us into a discussion on predestination- one that is specific to those who have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord of their life. Predestination is one of the most debated topics amongst Christ followers. We must guard against extremes and should be careful to not breed division. Our call first and foremost should always be to encourage one another in salvation.

What we believe:

- Salvation involves the redemption of the whole person, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer.
- In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.
- There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

God's sovereign control over salvation:

- Ephesians 1:3-6
- Romans 8:30
- John 6:37-40
- John 6:44

God desires for all men to be saved:

- John 3:16
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- 1 John 2:1-2
- 2 Peter 3:9

Two truths we must understand in regard to predestination/election:

- God is sovereign and salvation begins with Him.
- The Bible presents a paradox: The divine control of God and the free will of man. These two seemingly contradictory truths that are equally true. They seem to conflict but because of the authority of Scripture we know they do not.
- Romans 11:33