



**Scripture clearly declares that God is greatly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that mankind is separated from and disobedient to Him. How does this make sense if they are simply doing what He \_\_\_\_\_ them to do?**

"Calvinists have the same vocabulary but a different dictionary." Dr. David L. Allen, Southern Baptist, Distinguished Professor Practical Theology Dean, Adrian Rogers Center for Biblical Preaching, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN

"No passage in all of scripture suggests that fallen men are incapable of willingly responding to God's own appeal to be reconciled from their fallen condition. No one is able to attain righteousness by law through works. But how does that prove no one is able to attain righteousness by grace through faith? Proving that the lost cannot seek God does not prove that they are unable to respond to a God who is actively seeking to save the lost. Proving that I cannot call the President on the phone does not prove I cannot answer the phone if the President chose to call me." Dr. Leighton Flowers, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPvdEjfrCYA>

**1. If Scripture does not teach \_\_\_\_\_, we cannot really know what it teaches**

**2. Libertarian free will does not \_\_\_\_\_ God's sovereignty**

"God sovereignly decreed that man should be free to exercise moral choice, and man from the beginning has fulfilled that decree by making his choice between good and evil. When he chooses to do evil, he does not thereby countervail the sovereign will of God but fulfills it, inasmuch as the eternal decree decided not which choice the man should make but that he should be free to make it. If in His absolute freedom God has willed to give man limited freedom, who is there to stay His hand or say, 'What doest thou?' Man's will is free because God is sovereign. A God less than sovereign could not bestow moral freedom upon His creatures. He would be afraid to do so." A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

"That God is Lord over His creation is clear. Before God was King, He was Father, and His fatherhood is more ultimate than His kingship. Kingship speaks of His relationship to His creation. He reigns and will reign over it all. But fatherhood speaks of a relationship within the very nature of God that was there before He spoke anything into existence. In the bosom of eternity, before there was time or space or humanity, the second person of the triune Godhead called the first person of the Trinity not Lord, but Father."

Dennis Kinlaw, Wesleyan Old Testament Scholar

### 3. What do we mean by libertarian free will?

**libertarian free will:** the categorical ability of the will to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ refrain from a given moral action; mankind's ability to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God's appeal to be reconciled through faith in Christ.

**A free action** is one that is not \_\_\_\_\_ by prior causes or conditions. Someone making a choice has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ A and the power to choose \_\_\_\_\_ A

**Calvinistic compatibilism:** since God \_\_\_\_\_ everything, human desire is wholly derived from and wholly bound to God's \_\_\_\_\_. Man is allowed to do what he desires, but because he is fallen, he can only desire to do what is evil. Only when God \_\_\_\_\_ man's will and makes it \_\_\_\_\_ to His can man be saved and do the will of God. (free will is actually \_\_\_\_\_ free will)

"The question is [often] framed in terms of what God could do; but if we think of it in terms of God's character, the focus shifts to what God would do. And it is clear to us that if God determined all things, including our choices, He would not determine the sort of evil and atrocities that we have witnessed in history. Nor would many, perhaps even most, of the human race ultimately be separated from the love of God and lost forever. Indeed, if God determined everything, none would be lost." Jerry Walls, *Why I Am Not a Calvinist*, p. 218

"Calvinists as determinists must either reject freedom altogether or accept compatibilism."  
John Feinberg, Trinity Divinity School

### 4. If man cannot choose, he cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ for his sin

### 5. Exercising his free will does not mean that man \_\_\_\_\_ himself

"A common error made by Calvinists is they wrongly assert that non-Calvinists believe salvation itself is "within the grasp of sinners" because we teach that mankind is responsible to believe and repent of sin. Being capable of repenting in faith is not equal to saving oneself. A doctor may clearly reveal your need for a heart transplant. Your ability to submit to his recommendation and allow him to perform the transplant is not equal to performing the transplant all by yourself." Dr. Leighton Flowers

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- God \_\_\_\_\_ salvation through the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit uses \_\_\_\_\_ to convict
- Man \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and is \_\_\_\_\_

"In the end, there are only two kinds of people in the world. One says to God, 'Thy will be done O God' and to the other God says, 'Thy will be done.'" C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*