

The Word of God Made Plain

II Timothy 2:15

1. The Doctrine of Individual Predestination.

A. Introduced by John Calvin in 1536. He believed that we as individuals are born to be saved or lost and that it is predetermined by God.

1. Calvin's scripture reference:

Eph. 1: 4-5, 11; Rom. 8:29 I Peter 1:1-2

2. The Baptist movement adopted Calvin's Doctrine in part. They said, "once saved always saved." i.e., you can't be lost once you're saved.

B. Let's look at the scriptures. **I Tim. 2:1-4, II Peter 3:9, Acts 17:26-27, 30-31, Matt. 11:28, John 3:15-18**

1. Anyone who is saved can also be lost if they are careless in their Christian life.

Rom. 1:21-22, 24, 26, 28; Rom. 2:11; I Cor. 9:27; Ezk. 3:20; Ezk. 18:24; Rev. 2:1, 4-5; Rev. 2:12, 14-16; Rev. 3:1,5

2. Understanding the word "Predestination" in Eph. 1:4-5, 11 and in Rom. 8:29

A. This is speaking of The Church collectively and not individuals.

1. Note the words "us" and "we" found 9 times in 12 verses in **Eph. 1.**

2. Note **Rom. 8:28, 30-32, 35-39** the plural form is found 17 times

3. The Church is predestined to survive all things that may come against it. Dan. 2:44 Matt. 16-18

A. We can have a "know-so" salvation. **I John 3:24**