



LIBERATION!

Galatians 5:1, 13



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DO WE HAVE A FREE WILL?

There have always been basically 3 views:



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Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, **ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.



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Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Acts 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

Acts 4:28 For to do **whatsoever** thy hand and thy counsel determined **before** to be done.



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Luke 22:22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Luke 22:37 For I say unto you, **that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.**



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Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:17 For **God hath put in their hearts** to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.



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Isaiah 10:6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, And against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, To take the spoil, and to take the prey, And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Isaiah 10:7 **Howbeit he meaneth not so, Neither doth his heart think so;** But it is in his heart to destroy And cut off nations not a few.



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Daniel 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know **that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.**

Daniel 4:25 ...till thou know **that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.**



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Daniel 4:32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, **until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.**

Daniel 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:



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Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Psalms 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

Psalms 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: He hath done **whatsoever** he hath pleased.



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Psalm 135:5 For I know that the LORD is great, And that our Lord is above all gods.

Psalm 135:6 **Whatsoever** the LORD pleased, That did he in heaven, and in earth, In the seas, and all deep places.

Psalm 148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; Stormy wind fulfilling his word:

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Fettered =

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manacled,

restrained in restraints of some kind...

& by extension, limited in that freedom.

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What does this mean?

Well, we are not machines!

We have a will,

We make choices, &

We make countless choices every day...obviously!

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- We are created beings and not God!
- We will always be created beings | human and not God!
- We are never as free as **God is free**!



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B. We are fallen!

Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me.

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Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **Romans 8:6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Romans 8:7** Because the carnal mind is **enmity** against God: for it is **not** subject to the law of God, **neither** indeed **can** be. **Romans 8:8** So then they that are in the flesh **cannot** please God.

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1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither ~~can~~ he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?



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C. We are under divine fiat!

Fiat is Latin for “let it be done!” → a decree / an edict

God also make choices!

God makes many choices!

God doesn't consult us about those choices!

God is free! Freer than we are!

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1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?
now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

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John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (ἐλευθερώσει).

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free (ἐλευθερώσῃ), ye shall be free (ἐλεύθεροι) indeed.



2. AC: Free & much less fettered!

We are liberated / freed by Christ!

We are liberated / freed to...

We are liberated / freed from self, sin, self-centeredness, and attempting to save ourselves!

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Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

Acts 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Acts 22:5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

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Acts 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

Acts 26:11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.



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Philippians 1:5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



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Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth **more and more** unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble.

3. RC: “Free” and much more fettered!

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2 Peter 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

3. RC: “Free” and **much more** fettered!

Matthew 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

Matthew 12:44 Then he saith, **I will return into my house from whence I came out**; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

Matthew 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: **and the last state of that man is worse than the first**. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.