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2Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image** from **one degree** of glory **to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.

Luke 4:17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news to the poor**. He has sent me to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty** those who are oppressed,

Luke 4:19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Luke 4:21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Jesus came to set poor, blind captives free
in order for them to enjoy the favor of the Lord, forever.*

Martin Luther - On The Bondage Of The Will (1525)

At issue was whether human beings, after the Fall of Man, are free to choose good or evil.

Erasmus had asserted that **all humans possessed free will**, and that the doctrine of **predestination** was not in accord with the teachings contained in the Bible. He argued against the belief that **God's foreknowledge of events was the cause of events**, and held that the doctrines of repentance, baptism and conversion depended on the existence of free will. **He likewise contended that grace simply helped humans come to a knowledge of God** and supported them **as they used their free will to choose between good and evil** - choices which would lead to salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ.

Luther in response maintained that **sin incapacitates human beings from working out their own salvation**, and that they are **completely incapable of bringing themselves to God**. As such, there is **no free will** for humanity **because any will they might have is overwhelmed by the influence of sin**. Central to his analysis, both of the doctrines under discussion and of Erasmus's specific arguments, are Luther's beliefs concerning the power and complete sovereignty of God.

Luther concluded that unredeemed human beings are dominated by obstructions; **Satan, as the prince of the mortal world, never lets go of what he considers his own unless he is overpowered by a stronger power, i.e. God**. When God redeems a person, **he redeems the entire person, including the will, which then is liberated to serve God**. No one can achieve salvation or redemption through their own choices—people do not choose between good or evil, because they are naturally dominated by evil, and **salvation is simply the product of God unilaterally changing a person's heart and turning them to good ends**.

“It is in the highest degree wholesome and necessary, for a Christian to know whether or not his will has anything to do in matters pertaining to salvation. Indeed let me tell you, that is the hinge on which our discussion turns. . . . For if I am ignorant of the nature, extent, and limits of what I can and must do with reference to God, I shall be equally ignorant and uncertain of the nature, extent, and limits of what God can and will do in me. . . . Now, if I am ignorant of God’s works and power, I am ignorant of God himself; and if I do not know God, I cannot worship, praise, give thanks, or serve Him, for I do not know how much I should attribute to myself and how much to Him.”

Martin Luther

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**”

Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

Romans 3:10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

Romans 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 2:5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, **yet the world did not know him.**

John 1:11 He came to his own, and **his own people did not receive him.**

John 1:12 But **to all who did receive him, who believed in his name**, he gave the right to **become** children of God,

John 1:13 **who were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

John 3:19 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world**, and people **loved the darkness** rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:20 For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and **does not come to the light**, lest his works should be exposed.

Romans 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is **hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, **it cannot.**

1Corinthians 2:14 The **natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for **they are folly to him**, and **he is not able to understand them** because they are spiritually discerned.

2Corinthians 4:4 In their case the god of this world has **blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing** the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Colossians 1:21 And you, **who once were alienated and hostile in mind**, doing evil deeds,

2Timothy 2:25b ... God may perhaps **grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth**,

2Timothy 2:26 and **they may come to their senses** and **escape** from the snare of the devil, **after being captured** by him to do his will.

2Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, “**Let light shine out of darkness**,” has **shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

John 8:36 So if the **Son sets you free**, you will be free indeed.

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once **slaves of sin** have become **obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

Romans 6:20 For when you were **slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Romans 6:21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the **things of which you are now ashamed?** For the end of those things is death.

Romans 6:22 But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Ephesians 2:1 And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins**

Ephesians 2:2 in which **you once walked, following** the course of this world, **following** the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Ephesians 2:3 **among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires** of the body and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind**.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, **because of the great love with which he loved us,**

Ephesians 2:5 **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

Ephesians 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved** through faith. And **this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,**

Ephesians 2:9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ezekiel 36:23 And **I will vindicate the holiness of my great name,** which has been **profaned** among the nations, and which **you have profaned** among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, **when through you I vindicate my holiness** before their eyes.

Ezekiel 36:25 **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and **you shall be clean** from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols **I will** cleanse you.

Ezekiel 36:26 And **I will give you a new heart,** and a **new spirit I will put within you.** And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:27 And **I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. **The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**

Romans 8:9 You, however, **are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Galatians 5:17 For the **desires of the flesh** are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, **to keep you from doing the things you want to do.**

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,**

Philippians 2:13 **for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but **I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.**

1Corinthians 15:10 But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, **I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.**

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Colossians 1:18 And He (Jesus Christ) is the head of the body, the church. He (Jesus Christ) is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the dead, **that in everything He (Jesus Christ) might be preeminent.**

And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified **he also glorified**.

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss **because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, **in order that I may gain Christ**

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that **he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**