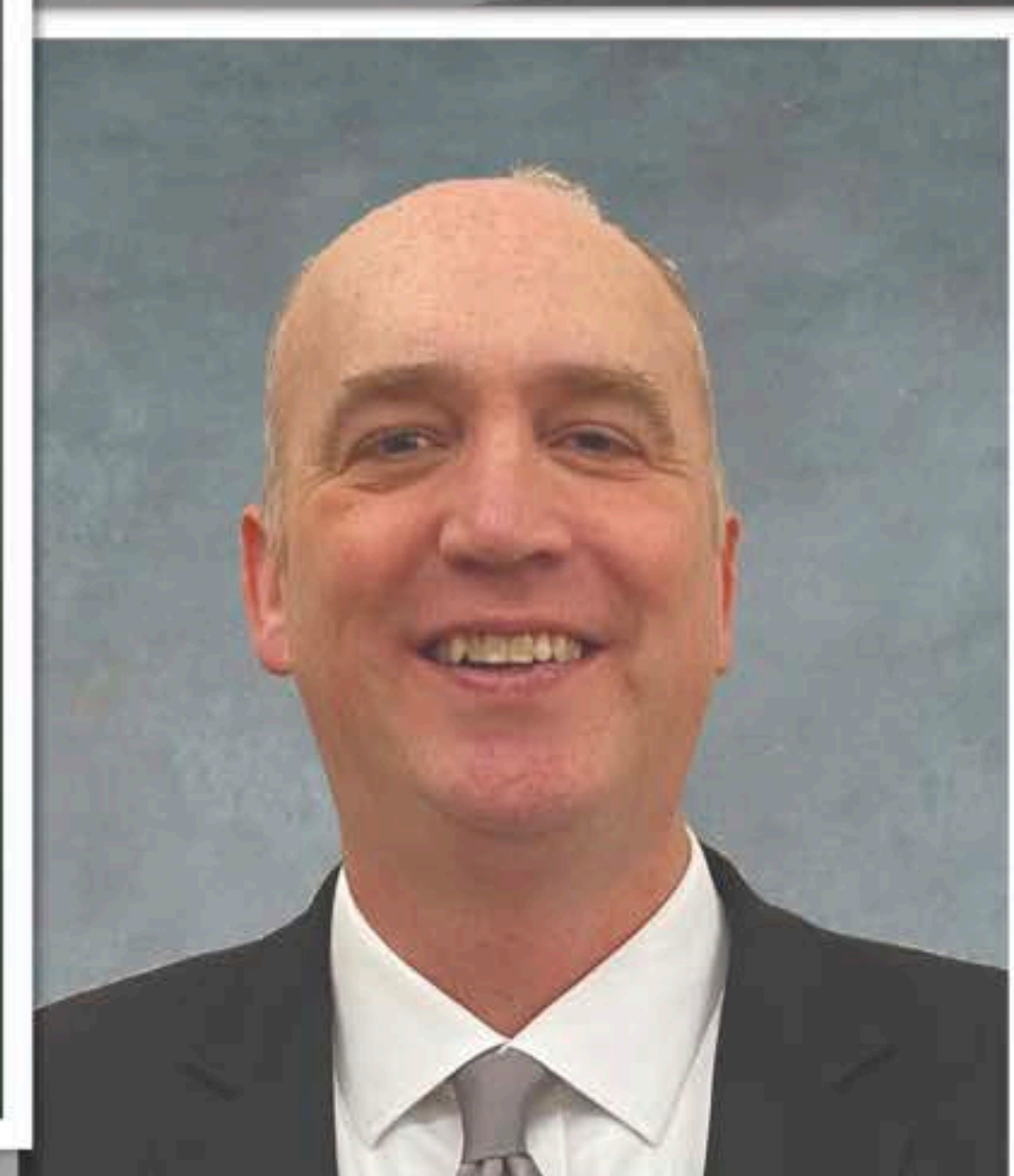


PROPOSITION

“The Scriptures teach that God chose, from the foundation of the world, a definite number of people to be saved, not on the basis of anything foreseen in them, but solely on the basis of His own purpose and grace.”



AFFIRM: JOEL ELLIS



DENY: BRUCE REEVES

TULIP	Quotes/Concepts
Total Inability	"You have never made a choice contrary to desire." / "Dead men do not have the ability to be resurrected"
Unconditional Election	"Double Predestination." / "the destination of the saved and the reprobate ... has been determined by God."
Limited Atonement	Criticized "a potential atonement" ... Christ doesn't just offer salvation, it is actual and effectual only for those to whom it is given.
Irresistible Grace	"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." / Must be "given to him by the father."
Perseverance of the Saints	"Those who were so given will persevere ..." / All of them will persevere ... it is impossible for them to fall away.

WHAT DID WE HEAR?

Mr. Ellis' View of Election

**NO DEAL
ELECTION**

REBROBATE
ELECT TO HELL



**UNREAL
ELECTION**

CLEANSSED BY THE
BLOOD,
DESTINED TO HELL



**REAL DEAL
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ORDAINED TO
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**Mr. Ellis:
"SAVED"**



**REAL DEAL
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SAME VISIBLE EVIDENCE

UNREAL ELECTION

- Salvation
- In Christ
- Sanctified
- FALSE HOPE
- Ordained to eternal HELL

REAL DEAL ELECTION

- Salvation
- In Christ
- Sanctified
- ACTUAL HOPE
- Ordained to eternal LIFE

VERY DIFFERENT REALITY

DIGGING DEEPER

JOEL HAS SAID:

BUT: WHAT JOEL MEANS

BELIEVE

The belief that results in eternal life is a miraculous gift of God

REPENT

The repentance that results in eternal life is a miraculous gift of God

BAPTIZED

Sprinkling of infants / Necessary to enter visible church.

FORGIVENESS

Cleansed by the blood? /
Sanctification for service

“HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST”

Acts 4:27–28
(NASB95)

²⁷ “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Predestined — προορίζω - proorizō

- The necessity of Jesus’s death . . .

“HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST”

Romans 8:29–30 (NASB95)

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Predestined — προορίζω - proorizō

- The necessity of Jesus's death . . .
- That His children will be conformed to the image of Jesus.

“HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST”

1 Corinthians 2:7–8 (NASB95)

⁷ but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ⁸ *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

Predestined — προορίζω - proorizō

- The necessity of Jesus’s death . . .
- That His children will be conformed to the image of Jesus.
- That the gospel of Christ would be a mystery until He chose to reveal it.

“HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST”

Ephesians 1:5–6 (NASB95)

⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Predestined — προορίζω - proorizō

- The necessity of Jesus's death . . .
- That His children will be conformed to the image of Jesus.
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- That believers in Jesus Christ would be adopted as God's very own children.

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Ephesians 1:11–12 (NASB95)

¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

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- That believers in Christ should be to the praise of God's glory.

HIGHER VIEW OF SOVEREIGNTY?

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in God’s place? ²⁰ “As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. Genesis 50:19–20 (NASB95)



- The intentions of Joseph’s brothers and God’s intentions were not the same.
- Joseph’s brothers intended to kill Joseph, while God’s intention was to preserve Joseph and his family.

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- The brothers intentions were evil.
- God’s ultimate purpose was only good.
- God’s sovereign plan was to use their libertarian free-will choices to accomplish His redemptive purpose.

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- God’s intention is ONLY to redeem, save, and restore throughout this entire event.
- God is able to allow evil men to carry out their libertarian free-will and yet accomplish His purpose.
- God did not predetermine the evil desires of Joseph’s brothers.

TWO WILLS OF GOD



All the Good That Is Ours in Christ | Mark Talbot



“Nothing that exists or occurs falls outside God’s ordaining will. Nothing, including no evil person or thing or event or deed. God’s foreordination is the ultimate reason why everything comes about, including the existence of all evil persons and things and the occurrence of any evil acts or events. And so it is not inappropriate to take God to be the creator, the sender, the permitter, and sometimes even the instigator of evil... Nothing — no evil thing or person or event or deed — falls outside God’s ordaining will. Nothing arises, exists, or endures independently of God’s will. So when even the worst of evils befall us, they do not ultimately come from anywhere other than God’s hand.”

HIGHER VIEW OF SOVEREIGNTY?

“God... brings about all things in accordance with his will. In other words, it isn't just that God manages to turn the evil aspects of our world to good for those who love him; it is rather that He Himself brings about these evil aspects for his glory and his people's good. This includes—as incredible and as unacceptable as it may currently seem—God's having even brought about the Nazis' brutality at Birkenau and Auschwitz as well as the terrible killings of Dennis Rader and even the sexual abuse of a young child...”

Mark Talbot, edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor, *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God*, (Wheaton, Ill: Crossway Books, 2006) 41-42

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