

CHOSEN BUT FREE

STRETCH - Part 3

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“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love [v.5] he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.”

Ephesians 1:4,5 (NIV)

“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.”

Ephesians 1:11 (NIV)

“As it is written: ‘There is no one righteous, not even one.’”

Romans 3:10 (NIV)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23a (NIV)

Strengths of Calvinism:

1. This position rightfully _____
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2. This position elevates _____.

3. This position underscores _____
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Difficulties with Calvinism:

1. This position seems to _____

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Genesis 2:16; Joshua 24:15; Romans 10:13
John 3:16

2. This position seems to _____
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3. This position seems to _____
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Jesus - “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...”
John 6:44a (NIV)

John 6:65

“[the Lord is] ...not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” II Peter 3:9b (NIV)

“[God] ...wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”
I Timothy 2:4 (NIV)

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