

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

Salvation

LESSON 6

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Memory Verse

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this
is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of
works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in
them.

EPHESIANS 2:8–10

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1. God’s Sovereignty in Salvation



1. GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY IN SALVATION

The Fallen Nature of Unsaved Man

10 as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one
understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned
aside; together they have become worthless; no one does
good, not even one.”

ROMANS 3:10–12

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The Fallen Nature of Unsaved Man

- ✓ Allianated from God (Colossians 1:21–22)
- ✓ Spirtually dead (Ephesians 2:1–5)
- ✓ Helpless to save themselves (Romans 5:6)

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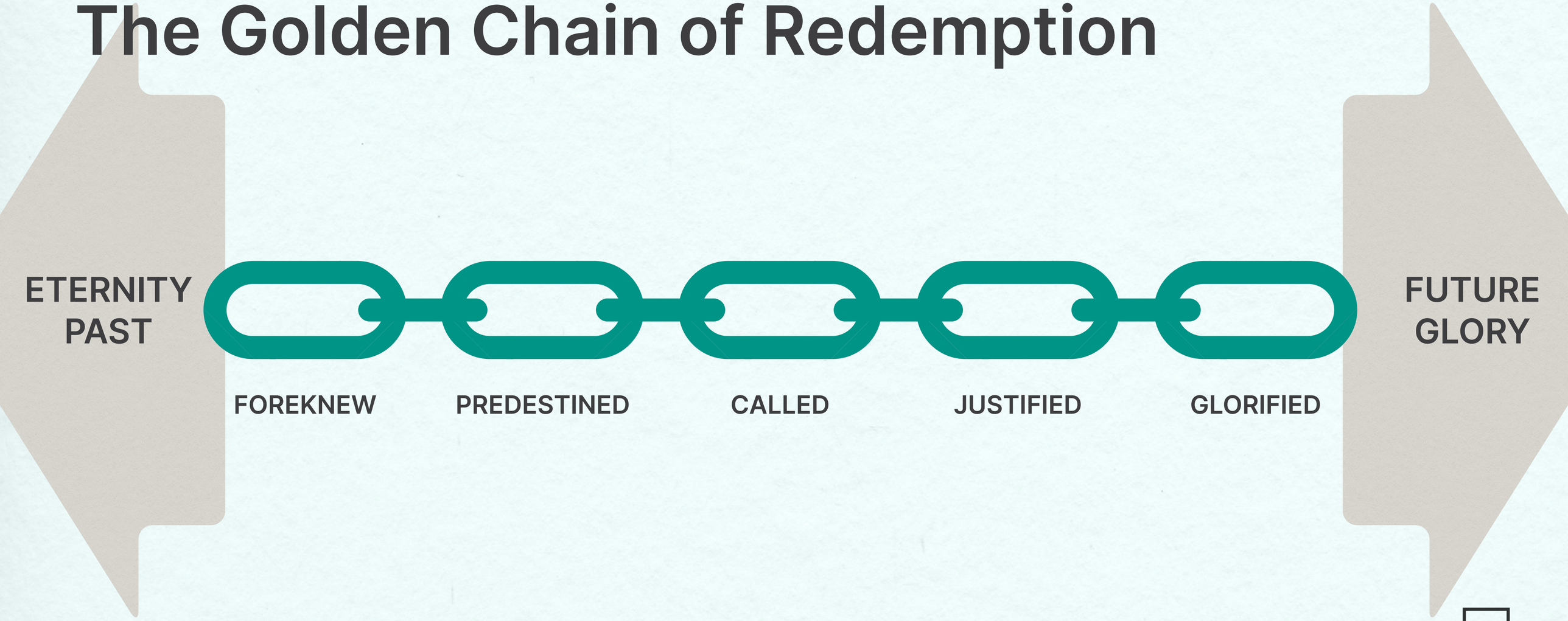
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ROMANS 8:29–30

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The Golden Chain of Redemption



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[1]Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect
exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
Asia, and Bithynia, [2]according to the foreknowledge of
God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for
obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his
blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

“Even if it were granted that ‘foreknew’ means the foresight of faith, the biblical doctrine of sovereign election is not thereby eliminated or disproven. For it is certainly true that God foresees faith; He foresees all that comes to pass. The question would then simply be: whence proceeds this faith, which God foresees? And the only biblical answer is that the faith which God foresees is the faith He himself creates (cf. John 3:3-8; 6:44, 45, 65; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians. 1:29; 2 Peter 1:2). Hence His eternal foresight of faith is preconditioned by His decree to generate this faith in those whom He foresees as believing.”

JOHN MURRAY, *EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS*, 1960.



1. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN SALVATION

The Purpose of God in Choosing Some

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the
world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.
In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has
blessed us in the Beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:4–6

who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

Is this unfair?



14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to
Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I
have compassion.” 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has
mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I
might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” 18 So
then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 19 You will say
to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” 20 But who are you, O
man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me
like this?” 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for
honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath
and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared
for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which
he has prepared beforehand for glory—

ROMANS 9:14–23



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Man's Responsibility in Salvation

- ✓ Even though God is sovereign in choosing those who are to be saved, man is still responsible for his sin and rejection fo Christ.
- ✓ God offers an open call (John 3:16; Romans 10:11–13)
- ✓ Man is responsible for his unbelieve (John 3:18)
- ✓ Man is held responsible for not obeying the gospel (2 Thess 1:8–9)
- ✓ Man is not saved because he is unwilling to come (Matt 23:37; John 5:39–40



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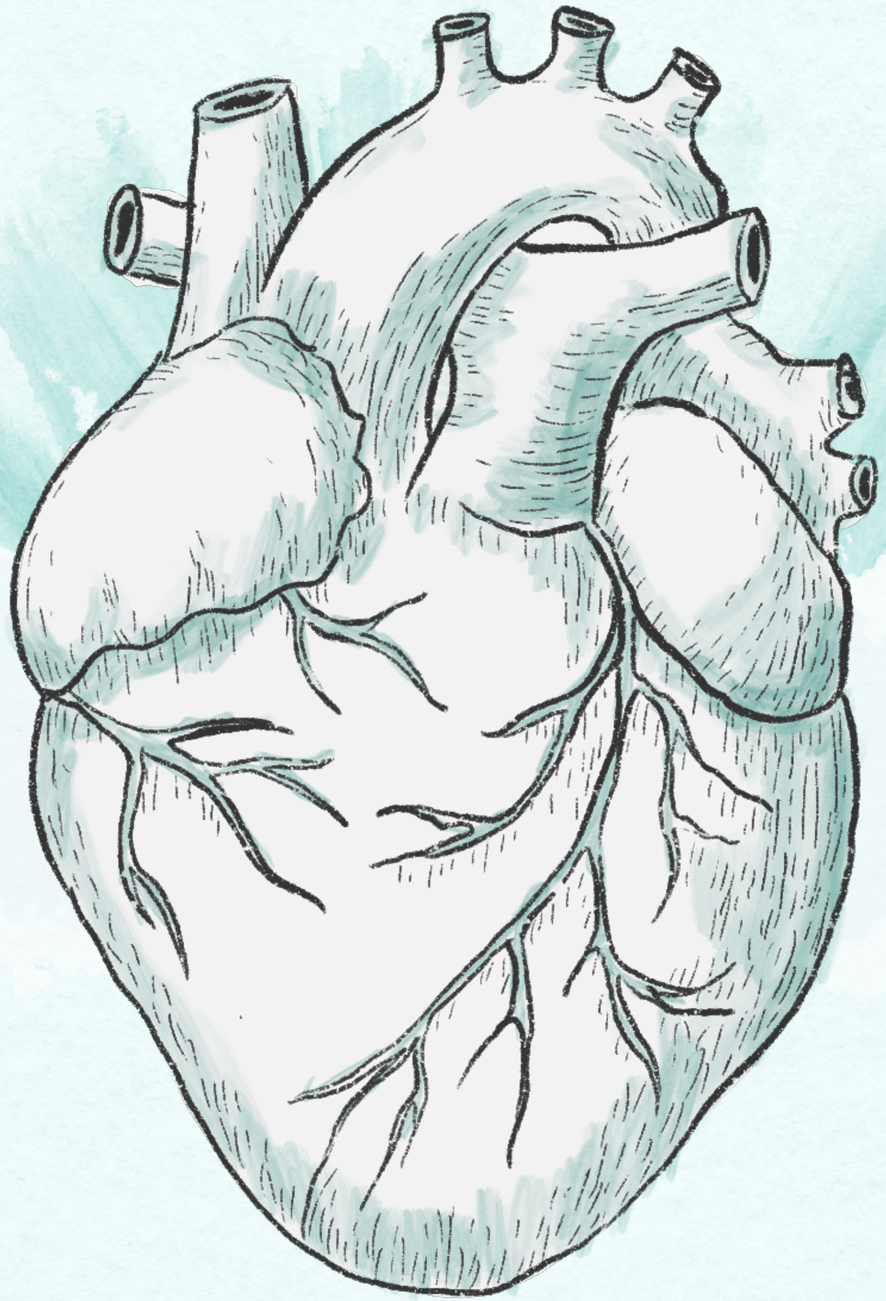
God Implementing His Plan of Salvation

- ✓ God **calls** one to salvation (Romans 8:29–30)
- ✓ God **draws** one to Himself (John 6:44)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit **convicts** of sin (John 16:8–9)
- ✓ God **grants** faith & repentance (2 Tim 2:25; Acts 11:18; 2 Peter 1:1; Phil 1:29; Eph 2:8–9)
- ✓ God **justifies** the believer (Romans 4:25–5:1)
- ✓ The Holy Spirit **washes** and **regenerates** (Titus 3:5)
- ✓ God **promises** to glorify (Romans 8:30; Philippians 3:20–21)



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2. Conversion



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The Nature of True Saving Faith

- ✓ True repentance involves a *godly sorrow* over sin
- ✓ True repteance involves turning to Christ and confessing Him as Lord



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3. Evidence of Salvation



3. EVIDENCE OF SALVATION

The Signs

- ✓ True ***faith*** will always be marked by good works and be tested by trials.
- ✓ True ***love*** will be manifested in good deeds toward others.
- ✓ True ***hope*** will endure to the end.

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4. Application



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The Security of Salvation

- ✓ Protected by the power of God (1 Peter 1:3–5)
- ✓ God will finish what He began (Philippians 1:6)
- ✓ You can know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13)
- ✓ Nothing can separated you from God (Romans 8:38–39)

Your salvation is not yours to lose.



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BONUS

What About Free Will?



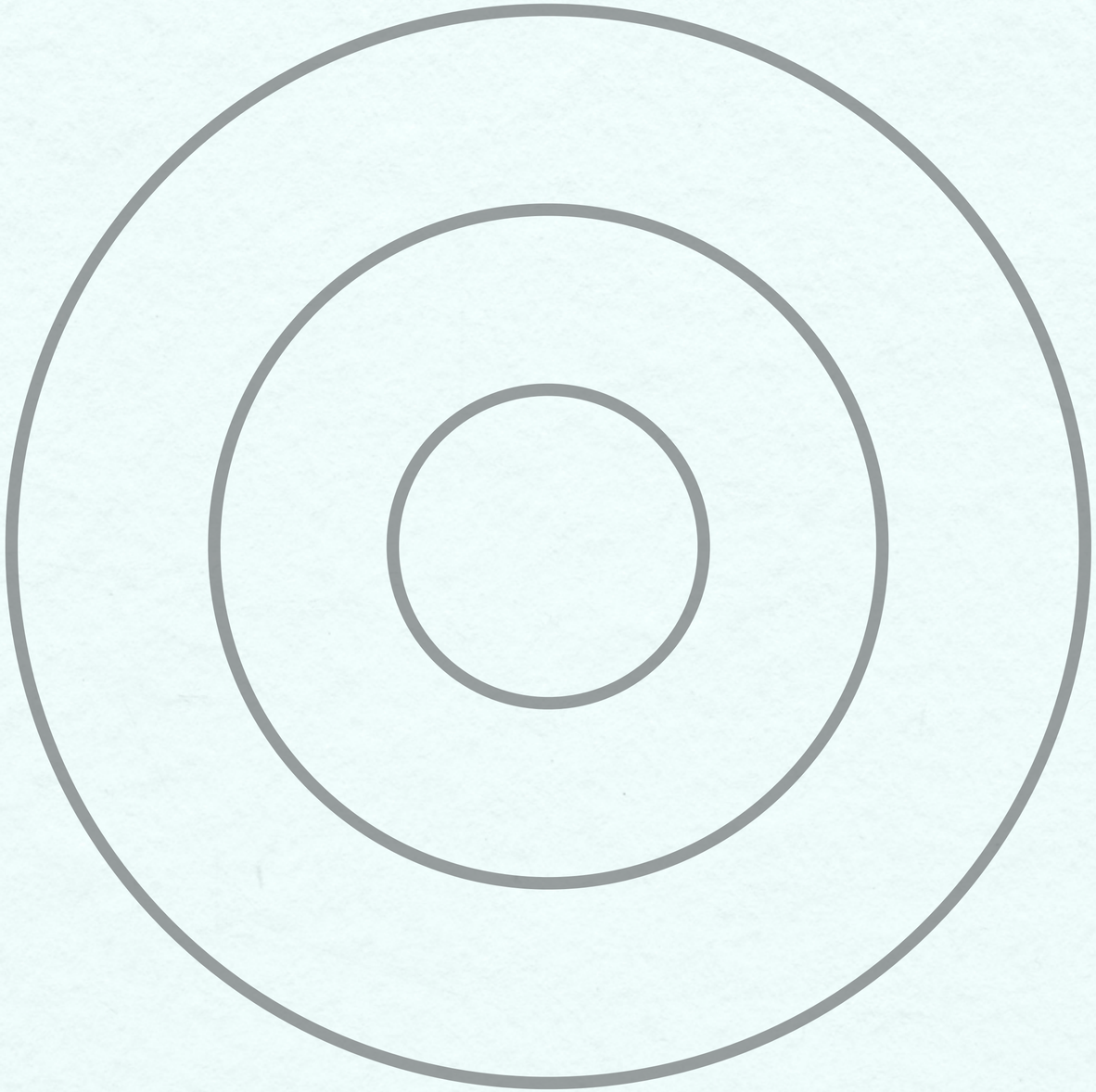
Does man have free will?



FREE WILL

Extent of Man's Free Will

- ✓ Free from God's sovereignty?
- ✓ Free to choose between right and wrong?
- ✓ Free to choose to do what we want to do?



“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

JOB 42:2

remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’

ISAIAH 46:9–10

“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.”

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.’”

ROMANS 6:20; JOHN 8:34

“A man’s free will, avails for nothing except to sin.”

AUGUSTINE, *ON THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER*

“Augustine did not deny that fallen man still has a will and that the will is capable of making choices. He argued that fallen man still has a free will (*liberium arbitrium*) but has lost his moral liberty (*libertas*). The state of original sin leaves us in the wretched condition of being unable to refrain from sinning. We still are able to choose what we desire, but our desires remain chained by our evil impulses. He argued that the freedom that remains in the will always leads to sin. Thus in the flesh we are free only to sin, a hollow freedom indeed. It is freedom without liberty, a real moral bondage. True liberty can only come from without, from the work of God on the soul. Therefore we are not only partly dependent upon grace for our conversion but totally dependent upon grace.”

SPROUL, R. C. “AUGUSTINE AND PELAGIUS.” *TABLETALK* 6 (JUNE 1996): 11-13, 52.

“There is no one besides Me. I am Yahweh, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am Yahweh who does all these”

ISAIAH 45:6-7; CF. LAM 3:37-38; ROM 8:28

