Soteriology
Session 2

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1. Harmony with God's character
   - Love – John 3:16; Eph 1:4-5
   - Glory – Eph 1:4-6, 11; Jude 24-25
   - Eternal purpose – Eph 1:11
   - God's desire for all to be saved – 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9
   - His ways our higher than our ways – Isa 55:8-9

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Romans 8:29–30

[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**. (NASB95)

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BELIEF – GOD'S ONE CONDITION FOR JUSTIFICATION

Gen 15:6-Then he **believed** in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31-"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

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Acts 2:23

"this *Man*, delivered over by the **predetermined plan** and **foreknowledge** of God, **you nailed** to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death"

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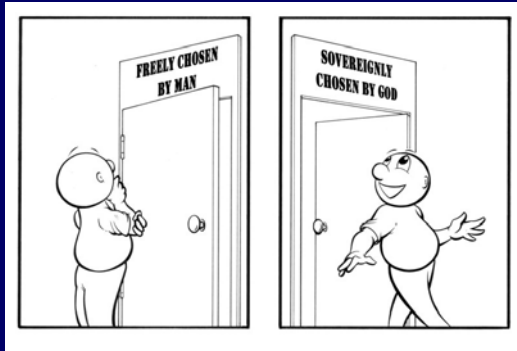**E. The Bible teaches both**

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H. A. Ironside's Two Signs

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Husband and Wife Analogy

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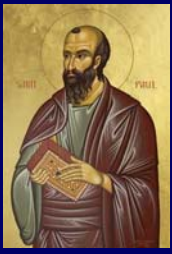
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"For by grace you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the **gift** of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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