

## John 15dv I am the Vine – Predestination verses

### 1. God is creator

- Out of nothing
- By his will
- For his purpose
- For His glory

Gen 1v1; Ps 19v1-2; Ps 33v6,9; Is 43v7; Is 45v12; John 1v3; Acts 14v15; Acts 17v24-25; 1 Cor 8v6; **Col 1v16**; Heb 1v2; Heb 11v3; Rev4v11; Rev 10v6

### 2. God is Eternal

- Time cannot change God
- Time can have no effect on God's knowledge
- He never learns new things or forgets things
- He knows all things, past present and future

Ps 90v2-4; Job 36v26; John 8v58; 2 Pet 3v8; Rev 1v8; 1Sam 2v3; 1Jn 3v20

### 3. God is not part of creation

- But creation is continually dependant on God
- The Bible is the record of God's involvement with his creation

### 4. God is active in preserving his creation

Job 12v10; Acts 17v25,28; Col 1v17 Heb 1v3; Eph 4v6  
Ps 139v13; Ex 4v11; Ps 104v14; Mat 6v26-30; Ps 104v21, 27-30

Job 37:6-13

6 *He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'*

7 *So that all men he has made may know his work, he stops every man from his labour.*

8 *The animals take cover; they remain in their dens.*

9 *The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds.*

10 *The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen.*

11 *He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them.*

12 *At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them.*

13 *He brings the clouds to punish men, or to water his earth and show his love.*

He literally feeds the birds Mat 5v26

He controls every 'chance' event Prov 16v33

He controls Nations Job 12v23; Ps 22v28; Acts 14v16, 17v26

Amos 3v6, 4v6-13

[2 Sam 12v11-12, 2 Sam 16v20-22], [1 Chron 21v1, 2 Sam 24v1, 10, 12-17]; Isaiah 45v7

Ephesians 1:1-14

1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

3 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 **he predestined us to be adopted as his sons** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the*

*forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.<sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,<sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfilment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.*

***11 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,***

Hebrews 6:4-6

*4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,<sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age,<sup>6</sup> if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.*

Ezekiel 33:11

*11 Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?'*

1 John 1:5

*5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.*

1 John 4:8-10

*8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.<sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

2 Peter 3:9

*9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

1 Timothy 2:3-6

*3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour,<sup>4</sup> who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men*

Rewritten Christmas story (compare Luke 2v9-10):

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them 'so you should be. I bring you terrible news of great sorrow and misery that will be for most people'*

Genesis 45:8

*8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.*

Esther 4:14

*14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"*

Acts 9v1-6.