THERE IS A CORRECT DEFINITION OF FREE-WILL, ELECTION, AND PREDESTINATION

<u>Predestination</u> only refers to those who are in Christ and have been granted eternal life. The saved are predestined to have God's work completed in them to become holy, blameless, and adopted. Ephesians 1:4,5

<u>Election to eternal life</u> is the state of all those who cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction, allow the Spirit to bring them to Christ, and receive the indwelling Holy Spirit of Christ into their very being.

God elects (chooses) salvation for those who are "in Christ." Before creation, God chose that He would elect those to salvation who cooperate and are found to be "in Christ." The key to Ephesians 1:4 is the term "in Christ." "Just as He chose us "in Him" before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love." Ephesians 1:4

The one who cooperates with Holy Spirit conviction and <u>comes to Jesus</u> will not be rejected or cast out. All who come to Jesus are given to Jesus by the Father. God the Father made Jesus an offering for sin at the cross. Then Jesus is resurrected and shall see His seed (believers), and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. John 6:37 Isaiah 53:10

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who <u>comes to Me</u> I will certainly not cast out. John 6:37

<u>Free-will is the ability</u> for any person to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and receive Jesus. Free-will also allows a person to not cooperate and not come to Jesus. <u>Predestination</u> has nothing to do with those who refuse to cooperate and come to Jesus. <u>Election</u> is God choosing to change, make holy, and use cooperating people in His service. People who are blinded by their wrong definition of election have trouble reconciling predestination and free-will.

People who are blinded by their wrong definition of predestination have trouble reconciling Scripture with Scripture.

People who are blinded by their wrong definition of free-will have trouble reconciling Scripture with Scripture. Free-will does not mean that you can come to Christ without your cooperation with God.