
Design a Teaching Program on “Predestination”

'Predestination' is the doctrine that irrevocably places God at the centre of the universe. Our confidence in God's eternal, sovereign and good will determines the tenor of our Christian lives, our assurance and the shape of our evangelistic and pastoral ministries.

Exercise

Design a Teaching Program on 'Predestination', to be used as a teaching series in a Bible study group, ministry team or conference.

Aims

1. To understand the biblical doctrines of 'predestination', 'election', 'calling' and the 'will of God'.
2. To understand how the tension between God's will and human responsibility is worked out in Scripture.
3. To grasp alternative understandings of God's sovereignty and human responsibility and their implications for life and ministry.
4. To be able to discern teaching that reflects a low view of God's sovereignty in the salvation of His people.

Apprentices

1. Do some Bible study on the doctrines of 'predestination', 'election', 'calling' and the 'will of God'.
2. Study some relevant books and articles. (See Resources for suggestions)
3. Develop a teaching series for a Bible study group, ministry team or conference. This could be in the form of discussions, seminars or talks.

Trainers

- Point your Apprentice toward key passages, and discuss them if necessary. Direct their attention to relevant books and articles.
- Listen to one of the talks or Bible studies and give feedback.

Resources

- New Bible Dictionary (IVP)
- Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, W. Elwell, ed. (Baker: 2001)
- The Blueprint, (Matthias Media)
- Institutes of the Christian Religion, John Calvin (J. McNeill, ed., Westminster), Vol 1, Book 3, chps XXI-XXIV
- The Everlasting God, D.B. Knox (Chapter 5)
- In Understanding be Men, T.C. Hammond (IVP: 1968)
- Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, J.I.Packer (IVP: 1961)
- Classics of the Reformation, Kirsten Birkett, ed. (Matthias Media: 2000)
- How Long O Lord? 2nd edn, Don Carson (IVP: 2006).