

The Will of Man is NOT a Slave

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The will of man is not a slave to sin, nor is it a slave to righteousness. The will is NOT the slave at all; it is the PERSON that is the slave to whatsoever he (voluntarily) yields himself to:

2 Chronicles 30:8, “Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.”

YIELDING is an act of the WILL: a CHOICE! Yield means: give up, capitulate, surrender, give in, give way, submit, admit defeat, and concede: as opposed to: stand firm, hold out, and stand your ground. The choice of yielding or the choice to stand YOUR ground and make it YOUR way instead of God’s way!

Why say a thing like “...but YIELD yourselves unto the LORD...” 2 Chronicles 30:8 if you did NOT have the freewill to do so. The most obvious implication is that you do have a freewill that is unbiased but sways based on who the SOUL yields to.

Romans 6:13, “Neither YIELD ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” For the Christian it should be much easier to YIELD to the Lord, because our spirit has been made alive in Jesus Christ and we are communing with the Lord all the time: or should be. In the Old Testament they had a personal dead spirit, God’s Spirit could come IN but it did not make the sinner’s spirit alive. It just interacted with the person’s SOUL. As for the Christian we are to yield ourselves unto God, by reckoning the old man is dead and that the new man is alive: we are to keep our flesh in check and under control.

Romans 6:16, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”

This is part of the sowing and reaping thing: the consequence that follows an act of sin, will reap the consequence fitting for that particular sin. Likewise so being obedient to the truth leads unto the consequence of righteousness. There are some people that frustrate the nature of the order of things in reconciliation with God and foul up their whole

theology. It is a disgrace they can not see the truth. As far as we go **IN CHRIST**: we are **IN THE ELECT ONE** which is Jesus Christ. **HE** was foreordained to come into this world. It was Jesus Christ that was **ELECTED** before the foundation of the world **NOT** one of us.

Galatians 3:13-14, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Not through election!

Between Abraham and Moses was 430 years:

Galatians 3:15-18, "Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **TO THY SEED**, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise." The **PROMISED** seed and heir is Jesus Christ. We get **INTO** this because Israel **REJECTED** him. But the very beginning of reconciliation with God is **FAITH**; just like it was with Abraham.

Galatians 3:22-26, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." **NOT BY ELECTION!**

So the **LAW** serves as our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ but once we are there, we are no longer under the schoolmaster: i.e. "the Law", because we are the children of God **BY FAITH** in Jesus: so that redemption is focused on those of us that have **RECEIVED** the adoption of sons:

Galatians 4:1-7, "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

Now if it is **THROUGH** faith: where then is the **ELECTION**? According to Calvin and Augustine Election came before Faith. Let's see **WHICH** comes **FIRST**:

Galatians 4:21-25, “Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. WHICH THINGS ARE AN ALLEGORY: for THESE are the TWO COVENANTS; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. ” This is the Old Testament with the LAW.

Galatians 4:26-29, “But JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE IS FREE, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: FOR THE DESOLATE HATH MANY MORE CHILDREN THAN SHE WHICH HATH AN HUSBAND. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE. But as then he (Ishmael) that was born after the flesh persecuted him (Isaac) that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.”

The reckoning the old man is dead is the same as here casting out the bondwoman and her son: (Galatians 4:30-31) because the son of the bondwoman is NOT heir and will NOT inherit anything that is for the son of the free. But now how was all this reckoned: was it by FAITH or was it by ELECTION?

The Calvinists MUST insist that it was by Election even though the word does not show up in the whole passage: not election, elect, elected, etc. NOT ANY FORM of the word. AND the passage is the exact place where the Calvinist likes to quote: “...what saith the scripture?...” vs 30. Well it doesn't say ELECTION is the beginning of reconciliation or of redemption or of regeneration. What it looks like is that regeneration is the last step in the event of reconciliation. Which means the Calvinist is “BACKWARDS!”
“SDRAWKCAB!”

“Faith”, “Belief”, “Trust in” or “Confidence in” by the very NATURE of these things requires the freedom of the individuals WILL especially when theses things are OFFERED by the gospel.

Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” but let's examine this passage closely:

Romans 10:13-21, “For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL BE SAVED. How then shall they CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED? and how shall they BELIEVE IN HIM OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? and how shall they HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER? And how shall they PREACH, EXCEPT THEY BE SENT? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But THEY HAVE NOT ALL OBEYED THE GOSPEL. For Esaias saith, Lord, WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? YES verily, THEIR SOUND WENT INTO ALL THE EARTH, and THEIR WORDS UNTO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD. But I say,

Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.” Looks like it is by FAITH and the appeal to the personal WILL in light of hearing the gospel that God imputes righteousness or not: however this imputation is NOT the same as regeneration.

This is where the Calvinist confuses doctrine: he has misunderstood the difference between imputation of righteousness and regeneration which is the new birth of the spirit. The Holy Spirit can not come into a sinner where the human spirit is to give the new birth until righteousness has been imputed else the Holy Spirit would become sinful: so the vessel MUST be clean prior to this event therefore it is the imputation of righteousness through FAITH in what God said that comes FIRST; then the cutting loose of the soul from the flesh: which is the soul’s salvation: the thing you prayed and asked for by receiving Jesus Christ: then the Holy Spirit can enter into the dead spirit of man and give him the gift of eternal life, by joining with his spirit making them ONE and a New spirit: 2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” And Galatians 6:15, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.” And Ephesians 2:15, “Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;” and Ephesians 4:24, “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” The new man is the born again spirit inside that the Soul should reckon to be alive as it is; and the old man of the flesh the Soul should reckon to be dead even though it appears to be alive.

Thus the steps by which reconciliation is completed Must involve the will of the SOUL; not the will of the dead spirit. And if the Soul is NOT dead, then it can will to receive Jesus Christ as the Bible persuades us to do. SO: It is not the will, but the PERSON the SOUL that is a slave to the flesh because it is STUCK to the flesh, thus making the soul as much a sinner as the flesh. What the soul needs is the circumcision from the flesh: Colossians 2:9, “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

IF the will of man IS a slave: why the appeal from the Gospel for a decision? Why beg the person to have faith and believe the gospel? The FACTS above are solid, Biblical, and represent the Bible Believer’s view of Propitiation, Faith, Imputation, Justification, Reconciliation, Salvation, Regeneration, and the Tripartite Nature of man.