

Predestination And Free-Will

Can We Give Birth To Ourselves?

John 3:3 - "Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

We have about as much to contribute towards our spiritual birth as we had with our physical birth. God is the potter. We are the clay. *He makes us without our help:*

Romans 9:21 - "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"

Jeremiah 18:3-6 - "3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, **cannot I do with you as this potter?** saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

God is not sitting around somewhere waiting and hoping for sinful man to accept him. Christians are God's people because God makes them His people, His sheep:

Psalm 100:3 - "Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: **it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;** we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Summary: This article is a section of a much larger article on the Bible doctrines of Election and Predestination called "Who accepts Whom?". You are urged to check out that larger article for many other thought provoking questions pertaining these "Doctrines of Grace". — *RM Kane*
