

Predestination And Free-Will

God First Opens A Person's Heart

Acts 16:14 - "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - "26 A new heart also **will I** give you, and a new spirit **will I** put within you: and **I will** take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and **I will** give you an heart of flesh. 27 And **I will** put my spirit within you, **and cause you to walk in my statutes**, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

Note how many times God says "I will" or "will I" in the 2 verses from Ezekiel 36 above, because "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). All we can **do** is praise God when *He* saves us. God will cause us to walk in His statutes *after* He puts His Spirit in us. And so we can see from scripture that it is the new heart, the heart of flesh, that accepts Christ and His Lordship, NOT the heart of stone!

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*
