



The Doctrine of Salvation
Human Freedom and Responsibility in Salvation

I. Biblical passages that emphasize freedom and responsibility

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-16, 3:1-6

Deuteronomy 30:1-20, Romans 10:6-13

John 3:16

John 3:36-38

John 5:24-47

Acts 2:27-41

Acts 8:26-39

Mark 16:15

1 Thess. 1:4-10

Hebrews 11:6

II. Summary conclusions

1. The offer of the gospel is to be presented to everyone
2. Anyone who believes is saved
3. The language of the gospel offer is intellectually understandable and appeals to a person's capacity and will to choose
4. Freedom and choice are consistent with the image of God
5. The examples in the Bible of people both hearing and believing, and hearing and rejecting the gospel indicate that they are exercising their freedom of choice
6. God rewards people who seek Him in faith