SERMON NOTES

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Free Will and the Sovereignty of God

If God knows what we are going to do before we do it, do we really have free will? Did Adam, Eve, Judas have a choice?

Two Systems of Salvation: Calvinism vs. Arminianism

The most common meaning of Calvinism promotes the doctrine of _____.
Romans 8:29-30 *"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."*

God's foreknowledge Psalm 139:4 *"Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether."* Romans 8:28 *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*

Five points of Calvinism

Total depravity - We are all spiritually _____, unable to even desire faith.

Unconditional election - God's choice of me to believe is _____ based on my good work.

Limited atonement - The _____ only applies to those whom God elects.
Irresistible grace - If God chooses me, I cannot _____ Him. I will come to faith.

Perseverance of the saints - A true believer will _____ walk away.

Five points of Arminianism.

Partial Depravity – While depraved, humanity is still able to _____ God.
Conditional Election – God chooses those whom He knows will _____.
Unlimited Atonement – Jesus died for _____, even those who will not believe.
Resistible Grace – God's call to be saved can be _____.

Conditional Salvation – Christians can _____ their salvation if they actively reject God.

Psalm 139: 1-4 *"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely."*

Psalm 90:2 God is _____.

As the eternal, omniscient God, He is "outside of linear time, meaning past, present, and future are simultaneously present to Him."

God has a plan for you. And in that plan He often gives us _____.

God sees it all and works out His _____ _____ in it all.

Somehow, though they seem incompatible, man's free will is _____ with God's omniscience. God's omniscience does not impede or restrict man's free will to choose what he will.

Since God is outside of time, there are no _____ between His omniscience and our free will.