

# “FREE” WILL

- God's free will:
  - Direct linkage to His nature
  - Context was/is/will be Himself
  - Does Not Change
    - His nature is immutable
    - He is infallible
    - He is omniscient
  - Absolutely Sovereign
- Man's free will:
  - Direct linkage to His current nature
  - Context was the Garden God placed him in, is now the fallen world he is conceived/born into, will be heaven or hell
  - Was humanly able to change (before the Fall), is now not able to humanly change (after the Fall), will become, upon death, immutable (like God, eternally unable to change)
  - Was, is and always will be creature, and finite
  - Was spiritually alive before the Fall, was spiritually dead after the Fall, is now spiritually dead after the Fall (from conception on -- unregenerate), is now spiritually alive from the moment of regeneration (regenerate). After death will remain in whatever condition they died in.
  - Is not sovereign
- Both Arminians and Calvinists believe and teach free will:
  - Arminians believe and teach the will of man as sovereign, when it comes to salvation
  - Calvinists believe and teach the will of God as sovereign always
  - Arminians believe and teach a spirit that is not dead before regeneration
  - Calvinists believe and teach a spirit that is dead before regeneration
  - Arminians believe and teach the will as morally neutral
  - Calvinists believe and teach the will as morally evil
  - Arminians believe and teach man as having intrinsic goodness/righteousness and ability to do them
  - Calvinists believe and teach man as depraved
  - Arminians believe and teach faith precedes regeneration
  - Calvinists believe and teach regeneration precedes faith
- Arminians believe and teach Christ's atonement as potential
- Calvinists believe and teach Christ's atonement as actual
- Arminians believe and teach the atonement of Christ as universal to all
- Calvinists believe and teach the atonement of Christ as particular to the elect of God
- Arminians believe and teach God elects on the basis of His foreknowledge of human decision to chose God
- Calvinists believe and teach God unconditionally and unilaterally elects, on the basis of His own good pleasure, without regard to any merit in the creature