

The Captivation of The Will

Free Will Theology



Free Will



Preoccupation: To keep the 'will' in check



Bondage

Free Will Theology begins with the assumption that mankind is morally neutral, much like neutral gear in an automobile which can be shifted forward or reverse. The automobile or will of man is just idling and waiting for the driver to make a free decision. Logically Free Will Theology will preoccupy itself with trying to keep the will in check by appealing to moralism, law, principles, etc... in order to keep the will out of *reverse* and in the morally forward position. However, when one begins with the assumption of free will it will inevitably lead to bondage, for has one actually done enough, acted righteous enough and implemented what is within? Free Will Theology will always lead to bondage for one will never know whether or he/she has *willed* enough to stay out of *reverse*.

Bound Will Theology



Bound Will



Preoccupation: To set the Word out to 'free' the will



Freedom

Bound Will Theology begins with the assumption that Free Will Theology is merely a title and not a reality. Mankind is not morally neutral but it is much worse... mankind is bound and stuck in reverse. The automobile or will of man is incapable of putting things into a forward position. It cannot change by itself because it does not want to; it rather is quite comfortable with reverse. Forward and neutral are not even an option on the stick shift. As a result, Bound Will Theology will preoccupy itself with the proclamation of the Word. For through the Word the Holy Spirit is the agent to change and free the will from its bondage/reverse. Mankind cannot change but can be changed or *gotten at*. Inevitably, when one starts from the assumption of bondage, one is more likely to end in freedom. There is freedom in not being captive to self but being captivated by the Spirit of God.