

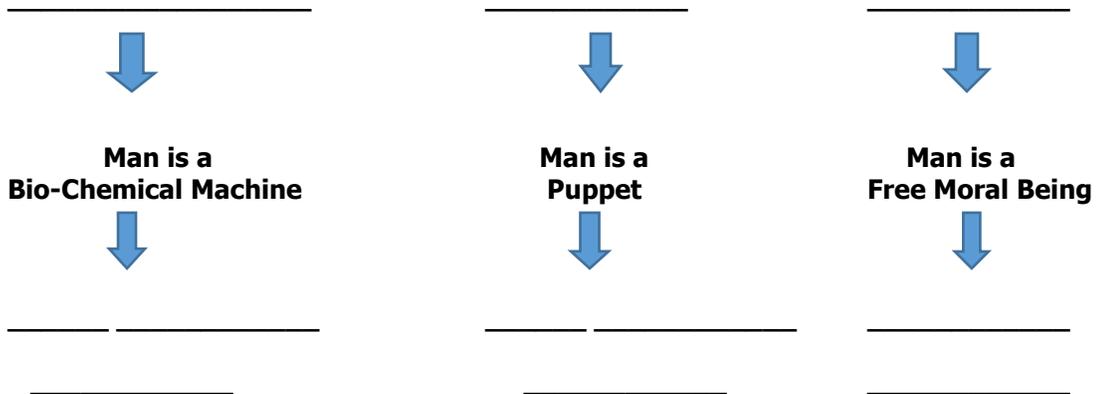
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Part 3: THE FREEDOM QUESTIONS
AUGUST 20, 2017

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

QUESTIONS

IF GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING (EVERYTHING I HAVE DONE AND EVERYTHING I WILL DO), THEN AM I REALLY FREE OR IS MY LIFE PRE-DETERMINED? IF MY LIFE IS PRE-DETERMINED, HOW CAN I BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS?

THREE FREEDOM OPTIONS



THE BIBLE AND HUMAN FREEDOM

1. I AM MORE THAN SIMPLY A _____.

"... God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Genesis 2:7 (NIV)

"Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up." Luke 8:55 (NIV)

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28 (NIV)

• **I am a being composed of _____ and _____.**

"Remember Him—before the silver cord is severed ... and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 (NIV)

2. I AM CREATED BY GOD WHOSE _____ IS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF THE UNIVERSE AND TO WHOM I AM _____.

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened." Romans 1:18-21 (NIV)

"Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them." Romans 2:14-15 (NIV)

"Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them." Romans 1:28-32 (NIV)

- **God's moral law is true at _____ an in _____
_____ regardless of whether it is believed or practiced.**

"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:10 (NIV)

**3. I WAS CREATED WITH THE _____ TO MAKE _____
_____ - TO _____ OR _____ GOD'S MORAL LAW.**

"Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed ... In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17 (NIV)

- **My moral choices are _____ or _____ and my choices
have _____.**

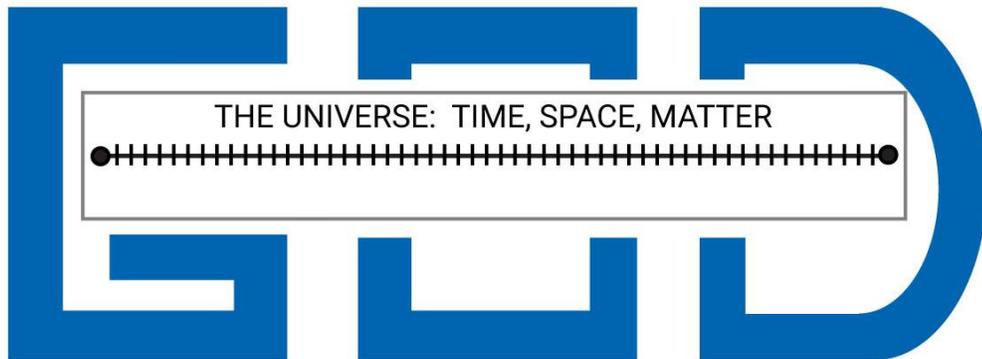
"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

**4. BECAUSE GOD IS _____, HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MY CHOICES DOES
NOT _____.**

"I obey Your precepts and Your statutes, for all my ways are known to You." Psalms 19:168 (NIV)

"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'" Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)

"Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him." John 6:64 (NIV)



MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS

- Recite [John 10:22-33](#) each day this week.
- Read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Find at: goodnewsgathering.org. Go to today's Lesson and click on the link.
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- BibleGateway.com – fully searchable website with numerous Bible translations. Several versions can be read to you on that site.

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