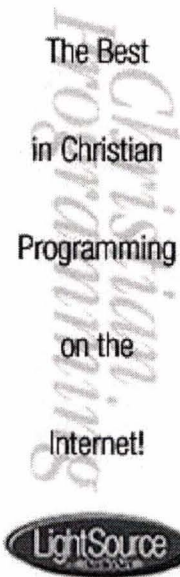


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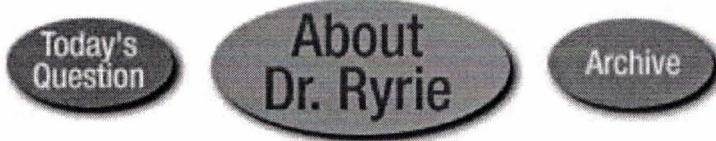


Monday, December 1, 1997

Subject: Predestination vs. free choice

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Since God is omniscient, He knows before He creates you whether or not you will become a Christian. In fact, the Bible says you must be called before you can believe. How does this square with "free choice"? I could never understand this, although I'm grateful God chose me to be one of his children. --Polly

Dear Polly: Certainly God knows all things, and He knew He wanted to design a plan in which He would have a group who would be His children and yet each individual in that group would be required to believe in order to be saved. Both aspects are true. He chooses, and we must believe. We must keep both in balance even though we cannot fully understand.



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