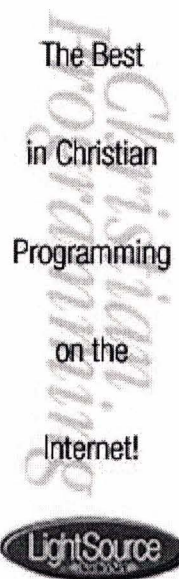


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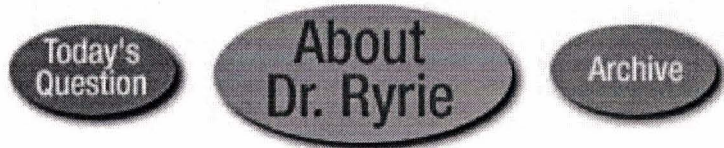


Wednesday, January 7, 1998

Subject: Why did God create us with the capacity to sin?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: Why did God create us with the capacity to sin, allow us to sin, and then, if we don't repent, send us to hell? I understand that God can do whatever He wants to do, so if He wants to make creatures that He knows He will eventually condemn to an eternity of "wailing and gnashing of teeth," that's His prerogative. But it certainly doesn't seem "loving," and it doesn't even seem "just" to some people. How can one explain that?
--Jeff S.

Dear Jeff: Our limited minds cannot fathom the depths of the plan and purpose of God. You have stated the logic and questions pertaining to one side of the matter; perhaps we should look at the other side, as well. If God did not make creatures with the capacity to sin, then He would never have had people who could voluntarily choose to serve Him. All would have been--so to speak--robots who could do only good. Too, along with the capacity to sin, He created us with wills that can make choices. Some choose to accept Christ and some do not. Those who do not are therefore justly condemned. As for election, I do not know why God chooses some and passes by others, but the Scriptures are clear that God offers salvation to all people.



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