

Addendum 2

Limited Free Will

Some say mankind has free will. Others say no! I stand somewhere in the middle. Mankind has limited free will. Allow me to explain.

Limited free will suggests that inasmuch as all people are free to act, mankind's individual freedom is limited in several ways.

For example:

- 1) Man cannot violate the limitless sovereignty of God.
- 2) Man cannot violate the faithfulness of God.
- 3) Man cannot choose to be sinless, obtain salvation, or love God, apart from the enabling grace of God.
- 4) Man cannot choose his or her place of birth, time of birth, parents, ethnicity, etc.
- 5) Man cannot change his or her conscious knowledge of God.
- 6) Man cannot choose to trust in Christ for salvation—apart from God's gracious provisions.
- 7) Man cannot change his or her predetermined eternal destiny from either heaven or hell.
- 8) I have limited time and space to explain. I think you get the point.

Man may choose to suppress the knowledge of God, but he cannot erase his conscious awareness of Him (see Romans 1:18–20). A man may choose to trust Christ for salvation but cannot choose salvation apart from Christ (see John 6:44). A man may choose to sin but cannot obtain righteousness on his own (see Isaiah 64:6).