

teaches the sovereignty of God. It goes beyond that. It tells us that all that occurs is predestined. We find in Eph. 1:11 it clearly stated about those who are saved. "In him we were also chosen and were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will." He works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will.

Again in Eph. 2:8 we read, "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves it is the gift of God not of works so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." The Bible clearly teaches that God has elected (us) from before the foundation of the world those who are to be saved. But none of us can tell about anything except himself. We can be greatly mistaken about another person. God knows these things. The individual knows whether he has sincerely from the heart received Jesus Christ as Saviour.

We are to make our calling and election sure. In other words we are called beyond any question to turn to Christ today and place everything at his feet. If we look ahead it seems as if it is up to us to do what is right and indeed that is true, Man's actions are real. They are not just part of a motion picture. Our choices are real. On the other hand it is equally true as we look back we can see that our coming to Christ was to a large extent the result of forces over which we had no control.

Some of us were born into Christian families and ~~heard~~ heard the Word of God from our childhood many times. Some had that background and rebelled against it. Some of us had no Christian background but God brought information before us. He brought testimony to us. He brought forces into our lives that had a great part to play in the decisions that we made. God has predestined all that occurs. If we are truly saved we are saved forever. We can rest assured.

If we have doubt about our salvation we can turn to Christ and lay our sins upon him. Then we can be sure that we are saved forever. I have here a book that is full of very interesting facts. It is on the whole a very good presentation of the history of the Society of Europe during the time of the Reformation, called the Age of the Reformation written by Dr. Henry Preservd Smith who was prof. of history at one time in Cornell University and at another time in Harvard University. Prof. Smith has absolutely no use for Calvinism. He says, Calvin's doctrine of the arbitrary dealing out of salvation and damnation irrespective of merit has often excited a moral rather than an intellectual revulsion." He disagrees with Paul who w said by grace are ye saved, it is not of yourselves or any works we can do.

Smith says ^{to} his true followers indeed like Jonathan Edwards it seemed a delightful doctrine--exceedingly bright,