

The Doctrines of Grace

8. Some Questions



Total Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints



Romans ch.1

24. Therefore *God gave them over* in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another

26. Because of this, *God gave them over* to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

28. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, *he gave them over* to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

2Thes.2:5-7

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

Rom.9:18

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One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?” But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’ ” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

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A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God. (Rom.2:28-29)

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, *even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them* — bringing swift destruction on themselves. (2Pet.2:1)

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All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (Jn.6:37)

Stephen's words to the Jewish leaders:

“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! (Acts 7:51)

“But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped up their ears. They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. So the LORD Almighty was very angry. (Zec.7:11-12)

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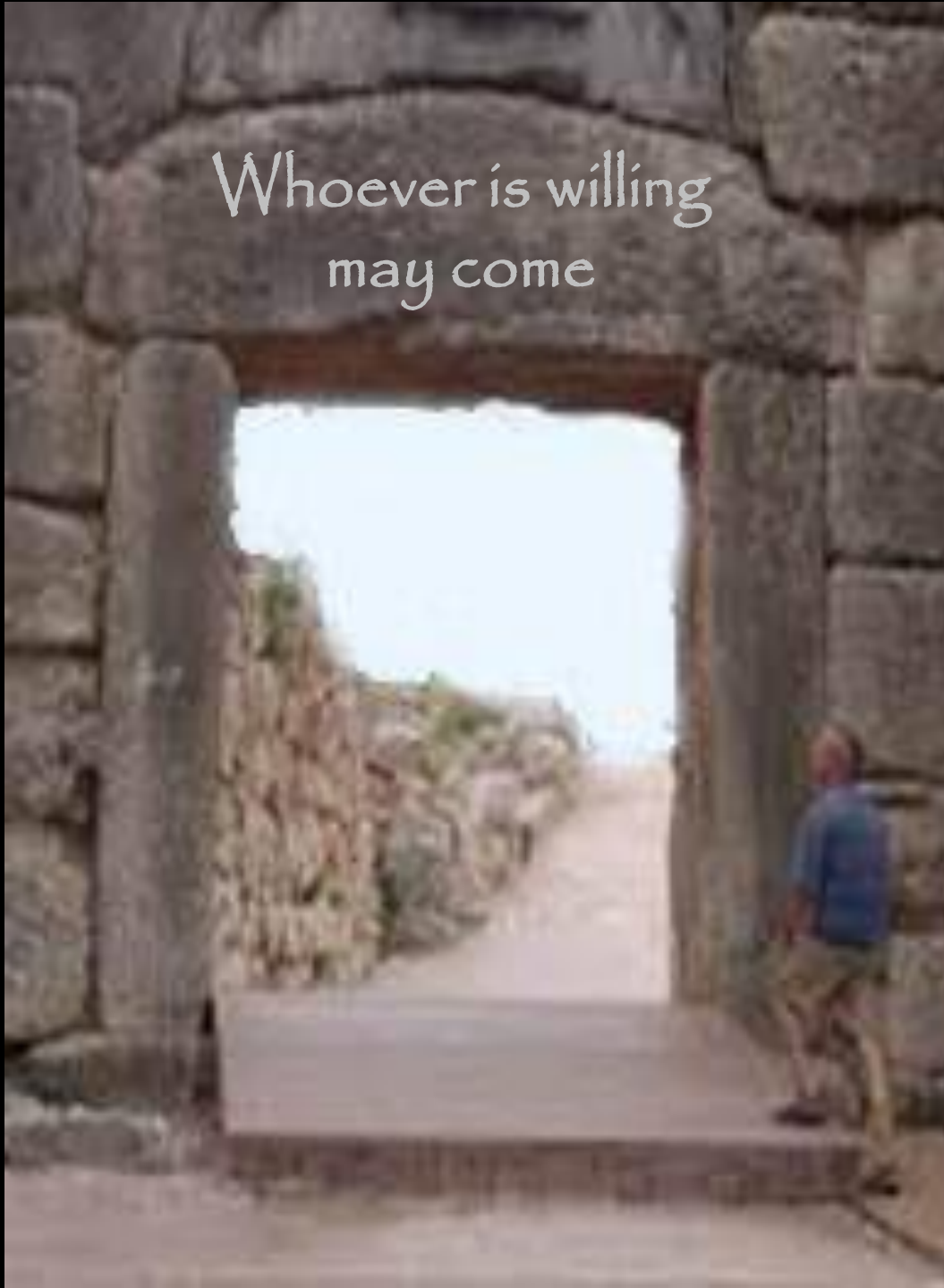
Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and *fall from your secure position.* (2Pet.3:17)

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Php.3:6)

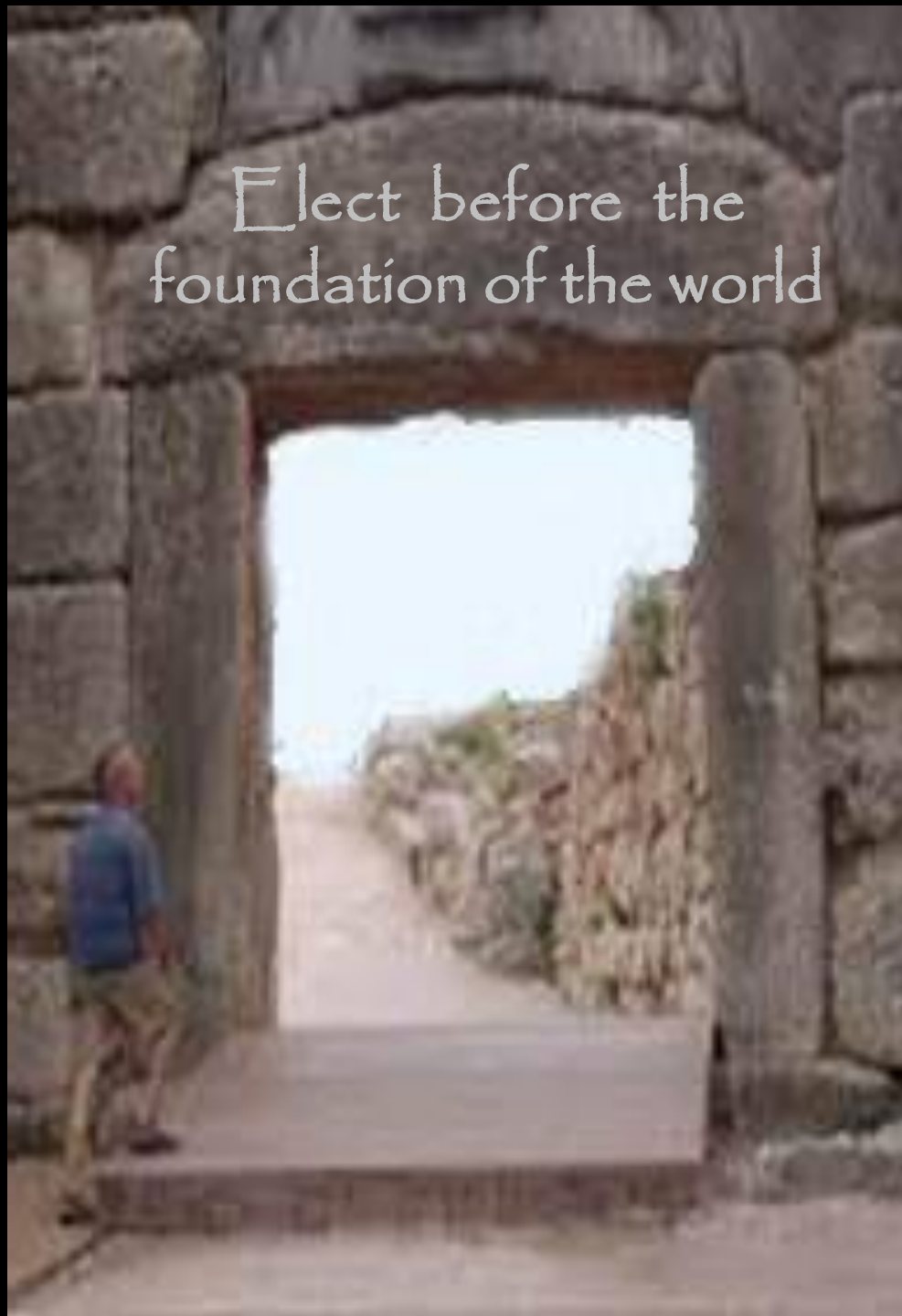
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Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about his calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble... (2Pet.1:10 NAS95)

Whoever is willing
may come



Elect before the
foundation of the world



Eph.2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

