

The Three Eternal Destinies #114 *Predetermined by Human Will*

The first death is predetermined by Adam's sin (Gen 2:9,17; Rom 5:12; 3:23; 6:23), but the second death is not predetermined by anything other than a person's own will.

Destiny is that to which a person is destined. There are three such places (Rev 22:11) which are preordained by **human will, not by God's will** (1 Tim 2:4). The preordained state before the judgment is predetermined by one's deeds in this life. The second death is preordained by a person's own will to practice what is unjust and filthy — fore-ordained from the time he becomes set in his depraved mind in this present life (Rev 20:15; 21:8,15). One can change his destiny from its predetermined state of the first death, which can be preordained by his *own will* (Eph 1:4; Jn 7:17). But once he goes past the line of no return by Jn 3:18 or Rom 2:8-9, he is set for all Eternity into the second death (Rom 1:24,26, 28) — the goal of the leading of his own will — culminating in the unalterable state of his Eternal Destiny. The first death can be changed as well as the second death, by Jn 7:17-18; 13:20; 3:36; Acts 5:32; Heb 5:9. It is God's own good pleasure to reveal Himself to one willing to do His will if he could ever know it. The gospel reveals His will (Jn 3:18-19). God's will in Eph 1:5 is based on a person's own will (Jn 7:17-18), so when he meets face to face with a "righteous" Holy one (Mt 10:41) who is without deceit and falsehood, God *reveals* to him, or can reveal to him, what exactly is His will, which in fact the person is willing to do (2 Cor 2:14-17).

Each person's *pre-determined* state is *pronounced* formally by his *own conduct*. He fixes his own destiny *conclusively* by the fixed form of character he takes on in this life, which will be his throughout Eternity. The judgment in Rev 20:11-15 settles any question about Rom 2:15 if he has any doubts concerning his eternal destiny, since this court settles all controversy he may have in his conscience. This court action is a judicial decision based *conclusively* upon one set of evidence — "The Books" that were opened at this judgment (Rev 20:12). What a person did during his lifetime (after the age of accountability) was recorded by a *person's own conscience* or memory. So the court determines the Destiny of each person according to what was recorded in the Books which were opened at the judgment (Heb 9:27; Rom 2:14-16,6-8). The form of his character was fixed before the judgment and so he goes to this judgment already drawing its conclusion (Rev 20:11). The person has already come to the decision as a result of the investigation his own conscience continues to carry out, moment by moment, every day and hour of his life (Rom 2:14-16), forever and ever (Rev 22:11).

After one is raised from the grave he must stand, *if he can*, before this *final* analysis of his own thoughts (Mt 12:33-37) and the words formulated *from* his thoughts, the activities stimulated by his own thoughts. Mk 7:21-23 — This unclean, unjust, filthy **state** was derived during the man's lifetime. Once a person is *turned over* as Rom 1:24,26,28 says, he is **set** for eternity in this state. One must change *before he is set* in his ways, which make him unclean, unjust still (to remain in that state eternally).

Some Can and Some Can't Repent

This is why some who have participated in such kind of behavior can repent and some cannot (1 Cor 6:9-11), as other kinds people who practice certain sins. Some could hear and respond and find favor from God. Others could not since they had committed such crimes against humanity that they were sealed (Jude 1:7,12; 2 Pet 2:6-8). They had already been washed over the waterfall. The boat ride to the point of no return was gained by not listening to their own conscience and some even rejecting the good news they heard over and over again. Finally the waterfall current began to be so irresistible that they could not turn back or even want to. They were caught in the pull. Some woke up too late. They had dethroned their conscience over and over again until it abdicated its ministry to them.

Heb 9:27 says it is ordained, predetermined, or appointed for a man to experience death once and then the judgment. Both death and the judgment are predetermined and destined.

The first death is pre-destined. The resurrection to stand before judgment is pre-destined. But the second death, which may be one's Eternal Destiny, is not pre-destined, without remedy of one's own actions or deeds in this

present life. Rev 20:15 — the word *found* is a word that describes a search of a person's conscience and memory to determine his destiny after the judgment.