

Study Questions/Worksheet for the Geisler *Chosen But Free* textbook. Page references are to the third edition. Please answer the following questions as you read through the book for your required course reading. Turn in the completed worksheet for homework credit as directed by your professor.

Chapter 1

p.11 According to Geisler “Ideas have _____”
“Belief leads to _____”
“Ideas lead to _____”

p.13 What is the most important thing about you and the biggest idea you will ever have?

p.14 What two things were part of God’s plan for us from the beginning?

Chapter 2

p.15 What are the three basic views on how to relate divine sovereignty and human free choice?

p.16 According to the extreme sovereignty view what is predestination **not** based on?

p.16 According to the extreme sovereignty view what comes **before** faith? _____

p.16 According to the extreme sovereignty view did Jesus die for everyone? _____

p.17-18 According to the extreme Arminian view does God know all of the future and is He truly omniscient? _____

p.20 According to the balanced view does God know all of the future and is he truly omniscient?

p.20 According to the balanced view what is God's election of an individual based on (or according to)? _____

[*Note:* Geisler here and elsewhere makes a somewhat dubious and obscure distinction between “based on” which he rejects and “according to” which he accepts. But as far as we and the Bible are concerned, the two wordings may be taken as synonymous.]

p.20 According to the balanced view does Jesus die for all people? _____

p.20 How does Geisler define “free choice”? _____

Chapter 3

p.22-30 *Briefly* summarize Geisler's view of God's sovereignty and give 2-3 of his (best) reasons for holding this view.

Chapter 4

p.31-50 *Briefly* summarize Geisler's view of free will and give 2-3 of his (best) reasons for holding this view.

Chapter 5

p.51 Identify the Church Father _____; the Synod _____; and the disciple of Calvin _____ who Geisler holds primarily responsible for the extreme Calvinist view.

p.52 What does the TULIP acronym stand for? T= _____
U= _____
L= _____
I= _____
P= _____

p.62-63 The most important extreme Calvinist proof-text for “T” is Eph 2:1. What is their interpretation of this verse and why according to Geisler is it wrong?

p.68-69 According to the NT election is conditional and based on God’s *foreknowledge* of our future faith (Rom 8:29-30; 1 Pet 1:1-2). How do extreme Calvinists get around the word *foreknowledge* in order to support their view of “U”?

Chapter 6

p.75, 80 In defense of “L” extreme Calvinists misinterpret the word “many” in Mark 10:45 and Romans 5 as meaning “few” or “some,” i.e., the elect. What does this key word actually mean? _____

p.87-93 What is “omnibenevolence” and how does extreme Calvinism deny/reject it?

p.93-95 How does the extreme Calvinist view misrepresent the words “make/compel” (Luke 14:23) and “draw” (John 6:44) to support their view of “I”?

p.102 What three verses does Geisler cite to show that God’s will, grace, and Holy Spirit **can** be resisted? _____

Chapter 7

[For this chapter read only the pages required in the syllabus: **108-111 and 114-118**]

p.108 Who was Arminius? _____

p.110 Who was Wesley? _____

p.117-118 What does the Bible mean when it says that God “repents” and why does this word **not** support the extreme Arminian view?

Chapter 8

[For this chapter read only the pages required in the syllabus: **130-132 and 156-159**]

p.130-131 What is the “paradoxical approach/view” and why does Geisler (rightly) reject it?

p.157 Complete the following thought with Geisler’s words: “our free actions are determined from the standpoint of God’s _____, but they are free from the vantage point of our _____.”

Chapter 9

p.161-168 Identify and briefly describe what **you** take to be the most problematic consequence of the extreme Calvinist view.

p.168-175 Identify and briefly describe what **you** take to be the most problematic consequence of the extreme Arminian view.

Chapter 10

[**Skip** Chapter 10 per the syllabus]