

# How FREE was Will, really???!!!

Will died, and some believe he is headed straight to Hell for all eternity because he was a sinner and did not ask Christ for forgiveness.

Most Evangelical Christians believe that God offers salvation freely to all, and we only have ourselves to blame if we wind up in Hell for all eternity. That sounds all well and good on the surface, but. . .

Let me ask you this. . .

Was Will really FREE to choose? To what degree might his FREEDOM have been limited by. . .

1. Lack of Gospel information? If Will never heard the Gospel message, how FREE was he to choose to obey it?
2. Lack of cognitive ability? If Will was mentally impaired through no fault of his own, and was unable to correctly understand the gospel message, was he really FREE to make a correct choice?
3. Lack of sound reason and logic? If Will had diligently searched for the truth and logically deduced through faulty reasoning, or insufficient evidence, that the Gospel is not true, could this have limited his FREEDOM to choose correctly?
4. Lack of the Holy Spirit's intervention? If God had chosen not to intervene into Will's life by the Holy Spirit and convict him of his sin and need for the Savior, was Will really FREE to receive Christ?
5. Lack of prayer support? If no one had ever prayed for Will's salvation, could this have played a role in limiting Will's FREEDOM to choose?
6. Lack of time to make an informed decision? Some people receive Christ late in life after years of rejecting the Gospel. If Will had died early in life, could this have limited his ability to FREELY evaluate a sufficient number of life experiences in order to correctly respond to the Gospel message?
7. God's sovereignty? If God is truly sovereign over His creation and in complete control over who gets saved and when, would Will's FREEDOM in any way have diminished God's ability to accomplish His purposes, including the salvation of all?
8. Death? If Christ triumphed over death and will one day abolish this last enemy of Mankind, could Will's physical death in any way diminish his ability to FREELY choose Christ after death?

Some believe that God's sovereignty is limited by Mankind's freedom. Could it be that the reverse is true, that Mankind's freedom is instead limited by the Sovereignty of God. Could it be that God allows us only a limited amount of freedom, just enough to get us into lots of trouble, thereby demonstrating our need for the Savior, and then override our freedom by the power of the Holy Spirit, as Christ keeps His promise and eventually "*draws*" all of us to Himself (John 12:32).