

VOICE OF THE VISION

The Double Predestination

Romans 9:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac ¹¹(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹²it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

Introduction

Historically, the "double predestination" teaches God's sovereign predestinating work. It has two aspects or sides of it.

1. Election – chosen person

2. Reprobation – deprived person

Scoundrel – disreputable person or a rascal

Rascal – unprincipled or dishonest person or a rogue

Rogue – corrupt or dishonest

Note

Double predestination initially rejects universalism. It teaches that God, in His sovereign grace,

saved His elect. And those who are not numbered on the elect are numbered among the reprobate, those who are not saved.

If you believed in the Divine Election and believe in predestination, unless you are a universalist, you have to believe in double predestination. Not everybody is elected.

The non-elect is distinguished from the elect, which historically has been called a symmetrical view of election, or sometimes called equal ultimacy.

In the case of the elect, God intervened in their lives and creates faith in their hearts through the "power of regeneration" activated by God the Holy Spirit.

In the case of the reprobate, God also intervenes in their lives to harden their hearts and to create as it were fresh evil in their souls to make sure they do not repent and come to faith.

On the other hand, the view of equal ultimacy is called a positive-

positive view, where God positively intervenes in the lives of the elect and God also positively intervenes in the lives of the reprobate.

Note

In abhorrent or orthodox Calvinism, that is not what reform theology teaches in terms of double predestination. Rather, predestination is asymmetrical. It is a positive-negative view. God positively intervenes in the life of the elect and gives them mercy they don't deserve, and leaves the rest of corrupt mankind to their own devices.

He does not coerce them to unbelief:

- So that one group gets grace.
 - The other group gets justice.
- Nobody receives injustice.

Note

God chooses to give grace to some and chooses not to give grace to others.



When God speaks to you,
He speaks through your heart.
From your heart, it will come to your mind.
God convicts the hearts
and it is responsible for managing
the mind.



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Anticipating hands-on experiences with marine life and exotic wildlife, United Christian Academy (UCA) embarked on an unforgettable educational trip to Ocean Adventure and Zoobic Safari at Subic, Zambales. The trip provided students with unique insights into animal behavior, conservation efforts, and the importance of environmental stewardship even at a young age.

The participants witnessed awe-inspiring dolphin and sea lion

shows, showcasing the intelligence and agility of the marine mammals. Interactive learning sessions in the Wild World and Balancing Act were also enjoyed, fostering a deeper appreciation for animal biodiversity. Meanwhile, students encountered a diverse range of land, water, and air animals, including tigers, lions, zebras, crocodile, turtles, ostrich, and more. This close encounter was a thrilling safari ride and truly a precious learning exposure and discovery.



All the participants took a short tour at Subic Bay Freeport Zone where they saw cargo ships and enjoyed the beautiful view of Zambales mountains.



The rich marine ecosystem is also noticeable as various kinds of fish and sea urchins can be seen in the area.



Psalm 16:11
(NKJV)

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

OCEAN ADVENTURE

The UCA family once again journeyed to the Ocean Adventure in Subic Bay where they watched outstanding performances of our underwater friends, all while collecting fond memories with their friends.

BALANCING ACT

The unique and impressive performances left the students amazed and in awe with the acrobats' control and balancing skills.



"Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NKJV)

DOLPHIN FRIENDS SHOW



It is a blissful day of witnessing the cute, fascinating, and talented dolphin friends in the waters of Subic Bay. The students are beaming with smiles and laughters as they watch the performance of the dolphins while enjoying the breathtaking views.



Everybody is greatly impressed with the intelligence and the agility of the dolphins as they swim, jump, spin, and perform various tricks.



SEA LION MARINE PATROL SHOW



The students and parents met and encountered the friendly and well-trained sea lions. The staff discussed the importance of the 3R's reduce, reuse, and recycle, and how these ways can help protect marine biodiversity.



Indeed, the Ocean Adventure is an interesting place of learning and awareness about the lives of marine animals.

Colossians 3:23
(NKJV)

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

WILD WORLD

Various animals that were rescued from the wild, from birds to snakes, welcome the students in the Wild World. The kids and parents both acquired new learnings about our animal friends and how people can help save their wildlife. The staff also shared some techniques on how to survive in the wild.



AQUARIUM

It is not always that we get to see what is underwater. The participants are delighted and excited as they walk through the aquarium filled with the lively and colorful sea creatures in their beautiful and vibrant coral reefs.



3D ART WALL

The 3D Art Wall of the underwater world features realistic and life-like paintings of various sea creatures. The participants excitedly pose in accordance with the paintings.



Each wall art depicts different sea animals, both big and small, which the participants took pictures with.

^aFor by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
^bnot of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9
(NKJV)



Students enjoyed having a close encounter with a variety of jungle safari animals. They also got a chance to feed some of them, a fun and worthwhile experience that they will cherish.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN



It was a beautiful moment to be surrounded by colorful butterflies. Students also learned its life cycle.



LIONS' DEN

Visiting the lions is exhilarating as visitors have a close encounter with various breeds of lions.



SERPENTARIUM



Everyone revels on different types of reptiles, such as snakes, lizards, and iguanas, taking a closer look on each of them.



Ephesians 2:10
(NKJV)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

TIGER SAFARI



Riding fully enclosed jeepneys, visitors had a thrilling experience of being up-close with tigers to observe them in their habitat. Safari guides also accompanied them to share interesting facts about these wild animals.



ZOOBIC PARK

Learning more about the wildlife, students and parents visited fascinating animals in this petting zoo where they were able to feed them. Educational exhibits were also available in all corners for them to read. Truly, God's creations are wonderful.



So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Acts 16:31
(NKJV)

ZOOBIC CAVE



Participants enjoyed a stroll inside a man-made cave that houses various preserved land animals. Informational guides on caves, rocks, and the life inside caves are plastered throughout the place.



AETAS' TRAIL

To appreciate the rich culture and heritage of the indigenous people such as the Aetas, everyone explored a trail that highlights the Aetas' way of living. They also performed a war dance and monkey dance that reflect their culture.



CROCO LOCO



An exciting experience awaited the students and parents as they visit near some vicious freshwater crocodiles, one of the country's rarest native species. Students get to feed them as well.



Colossians 2:6-7
(NKJV)

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.



PAGHAHANDA PARA SA KAPURIHAN NG PANGINOON

Ang pamilya ng UCF ay patuloy sa masinsinang paghahanda sa nalalapit na anibersaryo sa Pebrero 23. Unti-unti na ring tinatapos ang mga konstruksiyon at disenyong kukumpleto sa kabuuang ayos ng panambahan.

Dahil sa pinagsama-samang gawa at pagmamahal para sa Panginoon ng mga manggagawa at boluntaryo, marami na ang natapos na mga bagong dekorasyon sa panambahan. Sa loob ng maikling panahon ay nagawa ang lahat ng ito sa lakas na nagmumula sa ating Panginoon. Iba't ibang presentasyon din ang inihahanda ng ating kapatiran mula sa *children* hanggang *adult fellowship* na may layuning papurihan at maitaas ang Ngalan ng ating Panginoong Hesus.

Sama-sama tayo sa susunod na linggo upang sambahin ang Diyos sa Kaniyang katapatan sa panambahan ng UCF!



PAGGAWA NG MGA DISENYO

Masayang nagtulong-tulong ang kapatiran sa pagkumpleto ng mga disenyo sa panambahan tulad ng paglalagay ng bagong carpet sa stage, pagpipinta sa pader, at pagkakabit ng mga PVC wood panel sa entrance.



PAG-EENSAYO NG MGA PRESENTASYON

Ilan sa kapatiran ang umawit at sumayaw para sa Diyos bilang kanilang handog na presentasyon sa darating na anibersaryo. Tulong-tulong ang lahat sa pagbabahagi ng kanilang ideya para sa ikagaganda nito.

⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:8-10
NKJV



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DAYS UNTIL THE

UCF 38th Anniversary

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the Lord.
PSALM 31:24 (NKJV)

You are cordially invited to the celebration of the UCF 38th Anniversary at the UCF Sanctuary on February 23, 2:00 PM.

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

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