

If God predestined believers to life doesn't that mean He predestined unbelievers to hell?

When the question of God's predestination of believers comes up, many will ask if His predestination is so complete that it incorporates not only the believing community unto eternal life as well as the unbelieving community unto eternal damnation. To some this view is called "double predestination".

1. Where does the idea behind double predestination come from?
Exodus 4:21; **7:3-5** Romans **9:15-22**

The idea behind double predestination comes from the scripture passages that make a reference to God hardening Pharaoh's heart. Paul extends the usefulness of Pharaoh's hard heart in order that God might demonstrate the supreme power of God over all people.

2. Does God purposefully desire that some people spend eternity in hell?
2 Peter **3:9** Ezekiel **33:11**

God's desire for all of mankind is that each person might repent of his sin and turn to God for salvation. Since God, who cannot lie nor deceive, desires for all mankind to repent and turn to God it does not follow that God would purposefully intend for anyone to enter into eternal condemnation.

3. Without any intervention by God, what is the natural end of all mankind?
Romans **3:10-16**, 23 1 Corinthians 2:14; **6:9-10**
Ezekiel **22:30-31**

Since there is not a single human being who can measure up to God and His perfect righteousness, the natural state of every human being is a pursuit of eternal condemnation in hell. God does not have to do anything for a person to enter into hell. Since man naturally deserves hell, God does not need to intervene for the person to wind up in hell.

4. If God is in control of all things, isn't God responsible for a person's sinful condition or condemnation?
Genesis **3:1-7** Isaiah **50:1**
Deuteronomy **30:19-20**

Although God has everything in His power and control, God does not make decisions for mankind. From the very beginning of creation, man could make his own decisions. He could make them based on the wisdom and guidance from God or he could make them based on the wisdom and guidance of other men and of Satan.