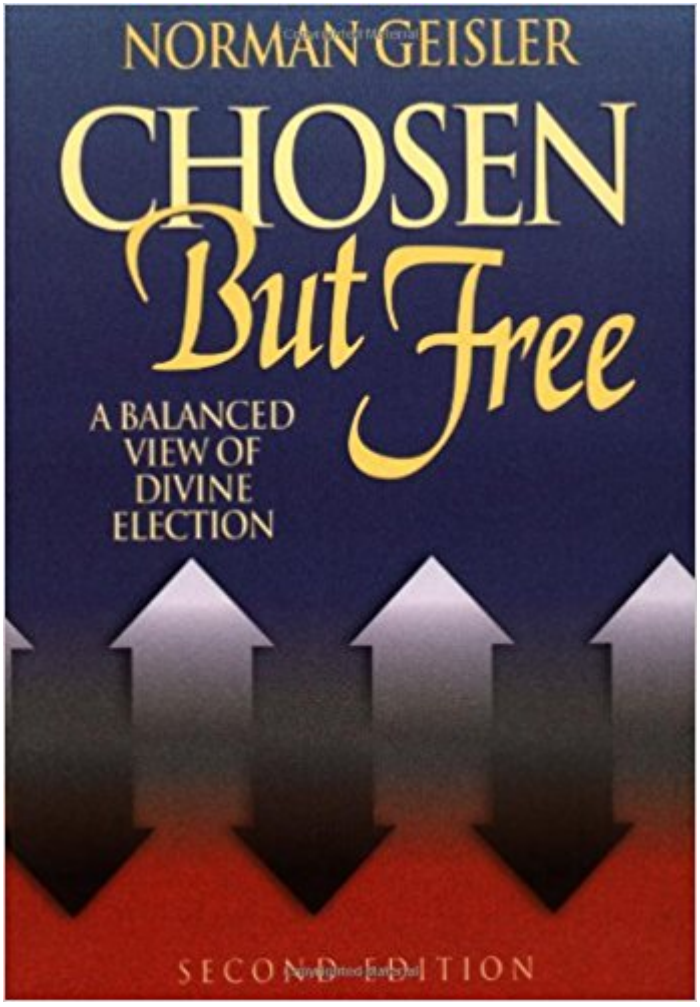
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Synopsis

Is God in Control, or Do We have a Choice? The seemingly endless debate between Calvinism and Arminianism continues to make its rounds throughout the Christian community. Polarized beliefs have dominated and divided the theological landscape of the twentieth century, while many observers wonder, "Does it really make a difference?" Chosen But Free answers with a resounding yes. But rather than pitting one strong perspective against another, this brilliant work presents a cogent and sensible moderate view, providing readers with one of the first books that convincingly affirms both the sovereignty and foreknowledge of God and the human responsibility to either receive or reject Him. Includes a response to The Potter's Freedom by James R. White. The Definitive Work on the Relationship Between Divine Election and Human Choice.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Norman L. Geisler is author or coauthor of some fifty books and hundreds of articles. He has taught at the university and graduate level for over forty years and has spoken, traveled, or debated in all fifty states and in twenty-five countries. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. from Wheaton College, a Th.B. from William Tyndale College and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Loyola University. He is cofounder and longtime dean of Southern Evangelical Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina.

I read this book in researching my own book on the Arminian/Calvinist debate. I needed to read a book that defined and defended the Arminian perspective--and I heard Geisler was the man to read.

My information was correct. Articulate and brilliant, Geisler presented several concepts and ideas that brought me up short and made me think about the answers in a way I'd never done before. Though he calls himself a "moderate Calvinist," in most cases his beliefs are more of a modified Arminian in my opinion. The implication is that he has found that perfect balance between the Arminian and Calvinist perspective--perhaps he IS somewhere in the middle, but the way he reads into a passage instead of seeing the clear meaning from out of certain important passages still has him coming just short of a complete, biblical interpretation. This book is well worth reading, but I remain unmoved in my original stance. I may not share his system of belief, but I'm very impressed with Norman Geisler.

Explains the spectrum from Extreme Calvinist to Extreme Arminian, with hardly any difference between the Moderate versions.

There is an interesting struggle going on whether God only saves some people and some he sends to hell. This book is a good balance.

This is one of the best and most balanced books on explaining what Extreme Calvinism is

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I think many people expected Dr. Geisler to "parrot" what they already believed. When he didn't, they were upset. Geisler's book is an excellent text that shows various perspectives that Christians may have on these issues, and he clearly reveals his own position. This text is an important contribution to the overall discussion of Calvinism vs. Arminianism. Dr. Geisler is an able philosopher and theologian. Don't read this text looking to find your own position reflected so you can feel good about yourself. Read this book as student of the ongoing discussion of this issue, and learn from it.

A very good book from a well respected Christian apologist. Dr Geisler does a good job of explaining both the pros and cons of each of the 5 points of what is today called Calvinism (TULIP) AKA Reformed Theology. The interesting thing is Dr. Geisler states he is not a "hyper-Calvinist" but is instead a "Moderate" Calvinist. After reading his book I do not see how he can be any kind of Calvinist because once you remove any of the 5 points the whole Calvinist notion falls apart.The book is well worth the read.[...].

Let me say firstly that I highly respect Norm Geisler and have followed his theology over the years as I've been engaged in counter-cult ministry. Therefore I was saddened and surprised to find how fast and loose Geisler plays with the word, using obvious quotes to believers (regarding our sinful nature) in reference to all mankind and then saying they are free to make choices to sin or not. These kinds of errors abound throughout the book. Norm wants to take the middle road but unfortunately he ends up refuting neither to anyone who has done a bit of prioir reading in either camps literature. If you have, and are looking for a logical but middle road, you will probably be disappointed.I have to say that it seems a bit presumptuous to me to say that everyone so far in history has been wrong and that now Geisler has discovered the real truth behind the sovereignty/free will dilemma. Have these divines not been paying attention? Or is it Dr. Geisler who has not paid enough attention to the arguments to realize that his book could easily be refuted on a vast number of counts? I have not yet read James White's book 'The Potter's Freedom,' but I bought it at the same time and hope it proves a better buy. What an embarassing state of the church when this book can pass as serious theology. Truly a shame.

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