Refuting False Doctrine: Yes, ANYONE Can Be Saved (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9)

#### Peter's rebuttal (vv. 5-10)

Using arguments from...

vv. 5-6: HISTORY

v. 8: SCRIPTURE

v. 9: GOD'S CHARACTER

vv. 7,10: PROPHECY / DIVINE PROMISE

"Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years."

Genesis 15:13 (ESV)

"Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked,' declares the Lord GOD, 'and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?'"

Ezekiel 18:23 (ESV)

"For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone," declares the Lord GOD; 'so turn, and live."

Ezekiel 18:32 (ESV)

"[God] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV)

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"I say with Augustine, that the Lord has created those who, as He certainly foreknow, were to go to destructions, and He did so because He so willed. Why He willed it is not ours to ask, as we cannot comprehend, nor can it become us even to raise a controversy as to the justice of the divine will. Whenever we speak of it, we are speaking of the supreme standard of justice."

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"Now, since the arrangement of all things is in the hand of God, since to Him belongs the disposal of life and death, He arranges all things by His sovereign counsel, in such a way that individuals are born, who are doomed from the womb to certain death, and are to glorify Him by their destruction." "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. (14)But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous (50) and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 25:46 (ESV)

"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15 (ESV)

"Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

John 3:18 (ESV)

"...you refuse to come to Me that you may have life."

John 5:40 (ESV)

#### Repentance

"repentance": μετάνοιαν (metanoian)

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"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, (31)because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 17:30-31 (ESV)