



Sermon Series: Divine Providence, Predestination,
Election, Freewill, Justification and God's Grace

2013 Lenten Devotionals



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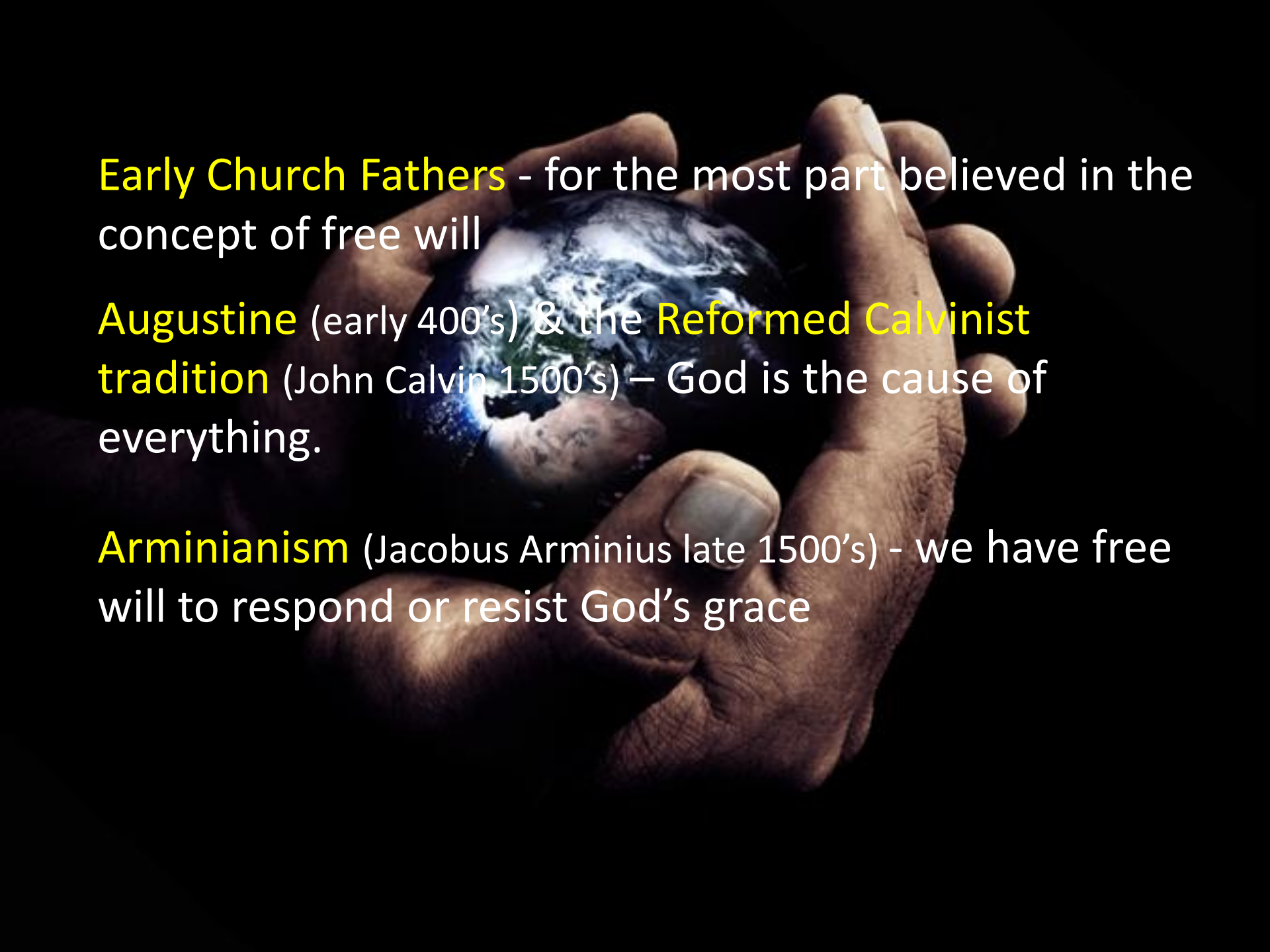


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Early Church Fathers - for the most part believed in the concept of free will

Augustine (early 400's) & the **Reformed Calvinist tradition** (John Calvin 1500's) – God is the cause of everything.

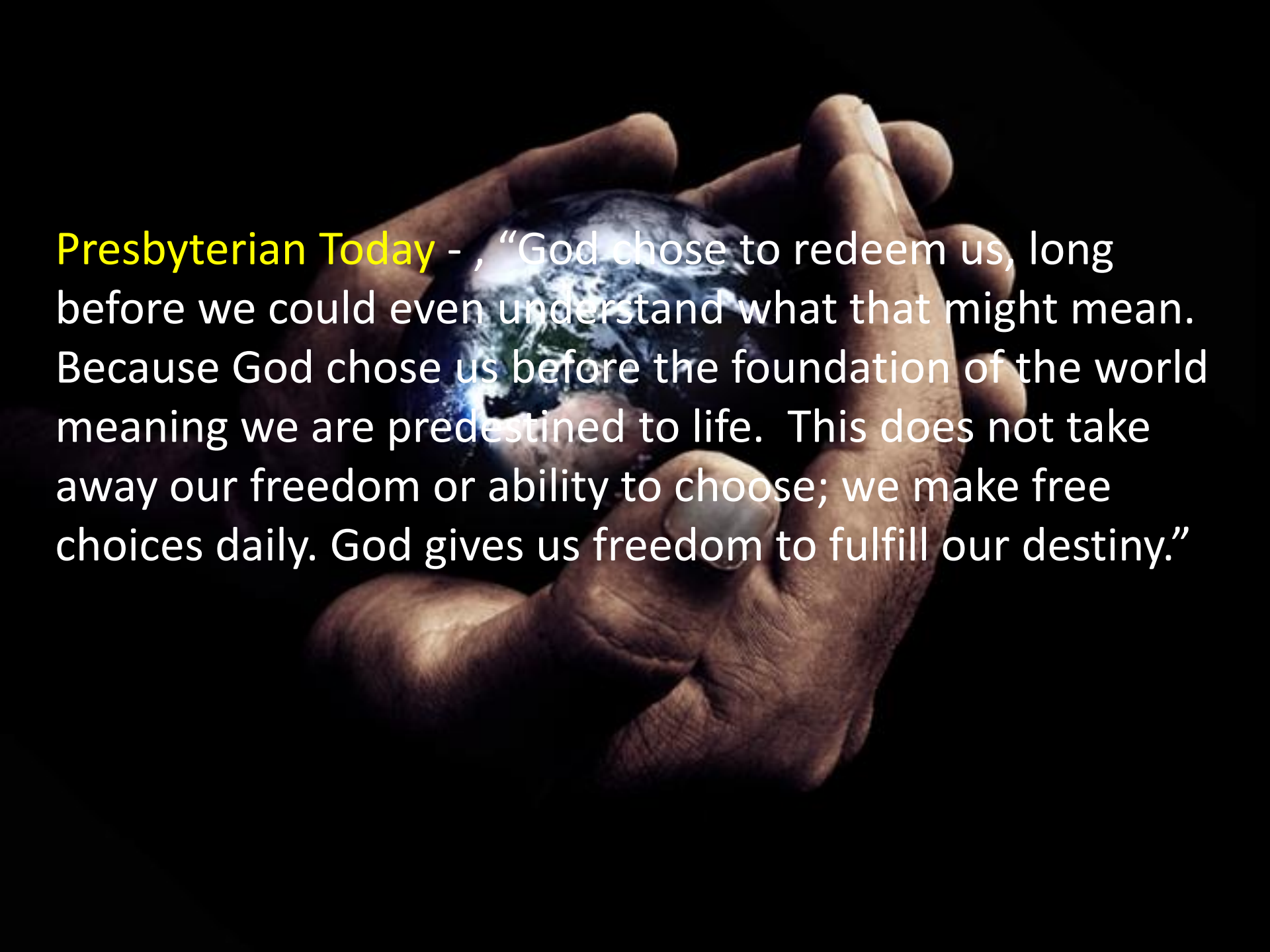
Arminianism (Jacobus Arminius late 1500's) - we have free will to respond or resist God's grace

A pair of hands, one larger than the other, are shown cupping a small, glowing globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if they are carefully holding or presenting the globe. The background is solid black, which makes the hands and the globe stand out prominently. The globe shows blue oceans and white clouds, with a small portion of green land visible.

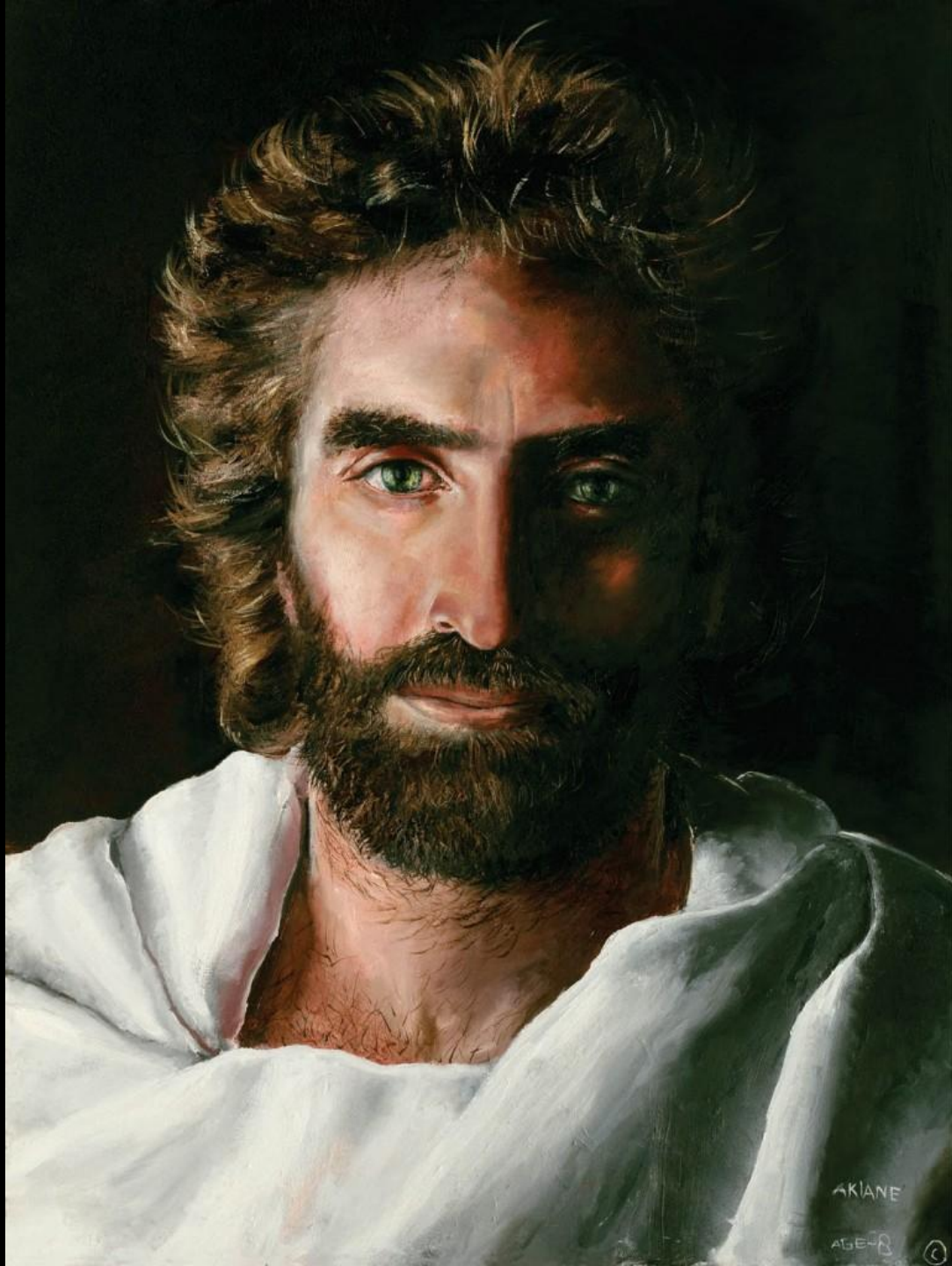
Freewill Theism - our choices are free from any predetermination - God takes risk.

Mystery/Antinomy - God is sovereign. We also have free will. We don't have the ability to understand how this works.

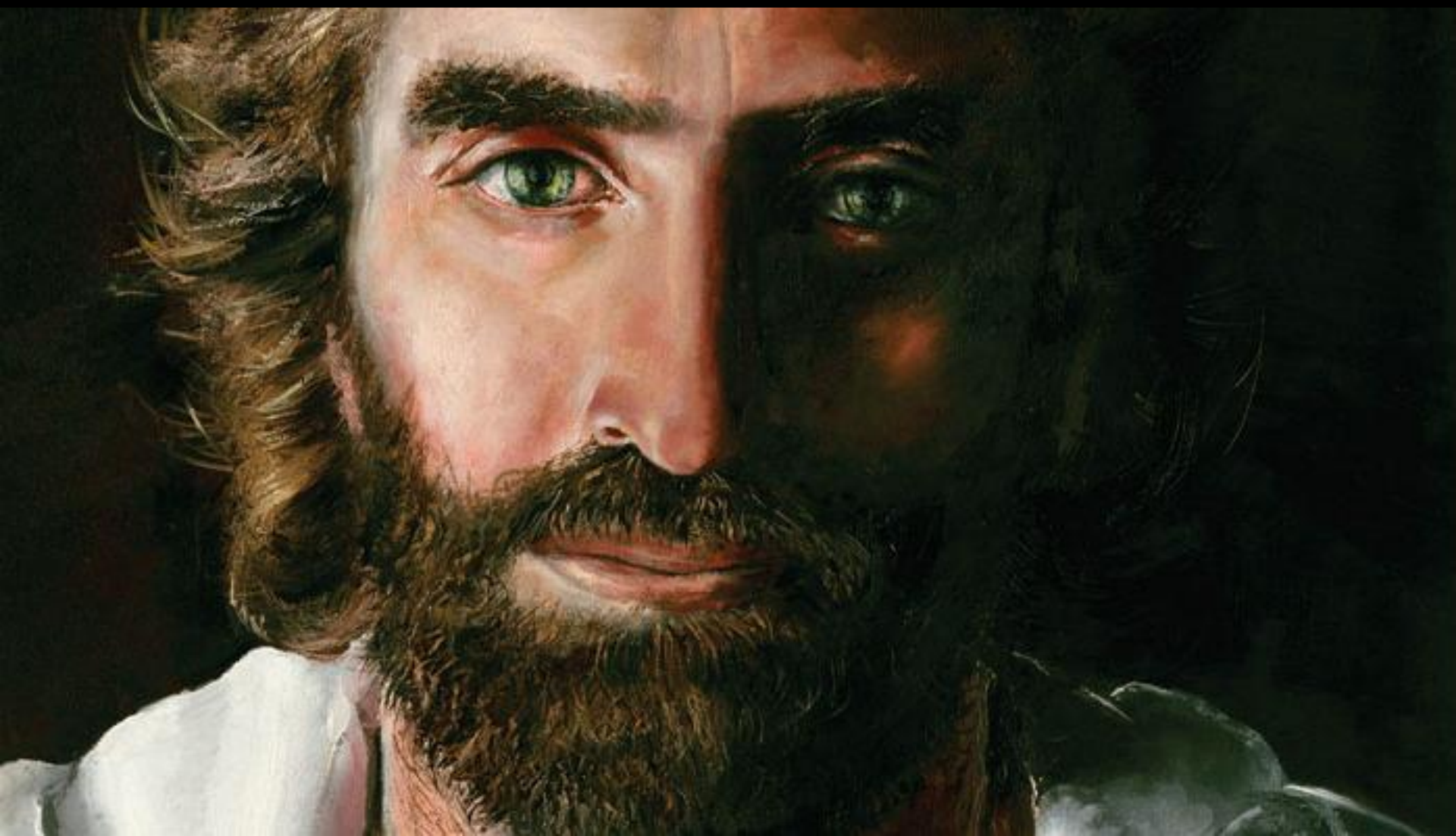
Presbyterian Catechisms nothing happens -- nothing whatsoever -- that God has not planned.

A pair of hands, one larger than the other, are shown cupping a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if they are gently holding or supporting the globe. The background is solid black, which makes the hands and the globe stand out. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the globe's continents and oceans.

Presbyterian Today - , “God chose to redeem us, long before we could even understand what that might mean. Because God chose us before the foundation of the world meaning we are predestined to life. This does not take away our freedom or ability to choose; we make free choices daily. God gives us freedom to fulfill our destiny.”

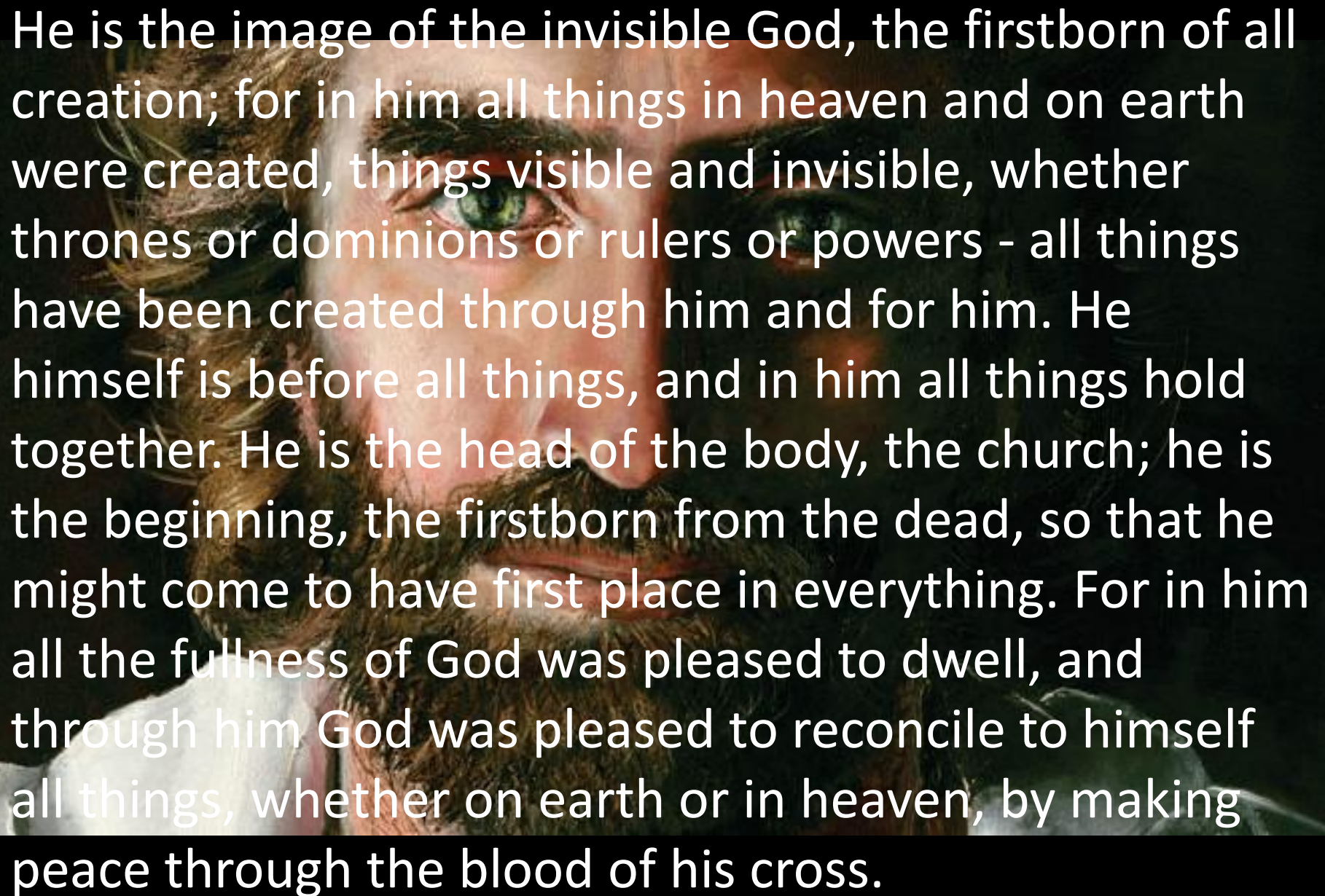






Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.





Pray
Watch and listen
Trust and Surrender











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