

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible, silhouettes of evergreen trees in the foreground, and the text "WHY DID GOD CREATE US?" overlaid in white.

**WHY DID GOD
CREATE US?**

MATTHEW 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it."

PLAYING IT SAFE

- Given the statistical “failure” of the gospel, and the fact that God seems to have foreknown it, one wonders if this whole “creation with free will” thing was just a big mistake.
- Even though free will can be a big headache, we have to remember that God left us some pretty powerful tools to aid us in our journey: The Bible, the church, and Advocate and Propitiation, and grace. We are not set up for failure, but for success!



**BUT FOR THE SAKE
OF ARGUMENT...**

SET UP FOR SUCCESS

- If many choose not to obey, does that say something about God or human stubbornness? Some either resent the fact that God gave free will or use it as an excuse for sin.
- In either case, what that person is saying is that God has made salvation too hard and free will too unmanageable.
- "He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).



A GOD WHO IS TOO SCARED

HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE

- No matter how much we think we could have “done it better”, the plan of God was divinely and eternally ordained (Ephesians 3:10-11).
- Only God is qualified to judge if His plan has been successful or not, since our perspective is ridiculously limited (1 Kings 19, Revelation 7:9).
- So why did He create us with free will, even knowing that many would fail to obey? Because giving us the opportunity to choose Him is worth it – for all of us.

