

of Christians. The unbelieving man is ~~cold/deaf~~ holding the grave in
 the sense that every part of his feeling is affected by it not that everyone
 of his acts is bad enough ~~like any~~ not by any means. Many of his acts are
 superficially very different. But those points where he sees he is involved
 or implicated at every one of those points, you will find that it is his
 selfish wicked nature, it is asserting itself. And this chapter tells us
 he has wholly lost all ~~of~~ ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying
 salvation. It is nothing that he has the power to will to do that reserves
 anything good at the hand of God. As a natural man he is altogether
 averse from that good and he is dead in sin and he is not able by his own
~~strength to convert himself or to prepare himself thereunto~~
 strength to convert himself or to prepare himself thereunto. Now the fourth
 chapter.: "When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state
 of grace, he frees him from his natural bondage under sin and by God's grace
 alone, God enables him freely to will and to do." Man freely wills and does.
 But God enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good.
 It is God's ^{will} part and God's goodness and to God alone belongs the praise, but
 a man who was wicked and an unbeliever is changed into a man who can do
 something that wins God's approval. It is God who makes the change. It is
 God's wonderful power and goodness. God converts him but God steps in here
 so that he then can freely will and do that which is spiritually good and
 God holds him accountable for whether he does the thing that God gives him
 the power to do. And God holds us accountable. Every (12)
 is going to be . God has given us a power of will . He has given us a
 freedom of will ~~of~~ far beyond anything an unbeliever could possibly have and
 he ~~holds~~ ^{holds} us strictly accountable for how we use it. ¹² and we can be lost
 if we have believed in Him and been saved? But we can be saved ¹²
 by fire . We can have it so that our works will be wood, hay and
 stubble which are burned up in the fire. We can live lives which will receive
 a great measure of rebuke from God. We can get into a situation where
 through all eternity we will look back with regret for the fact that we didn't