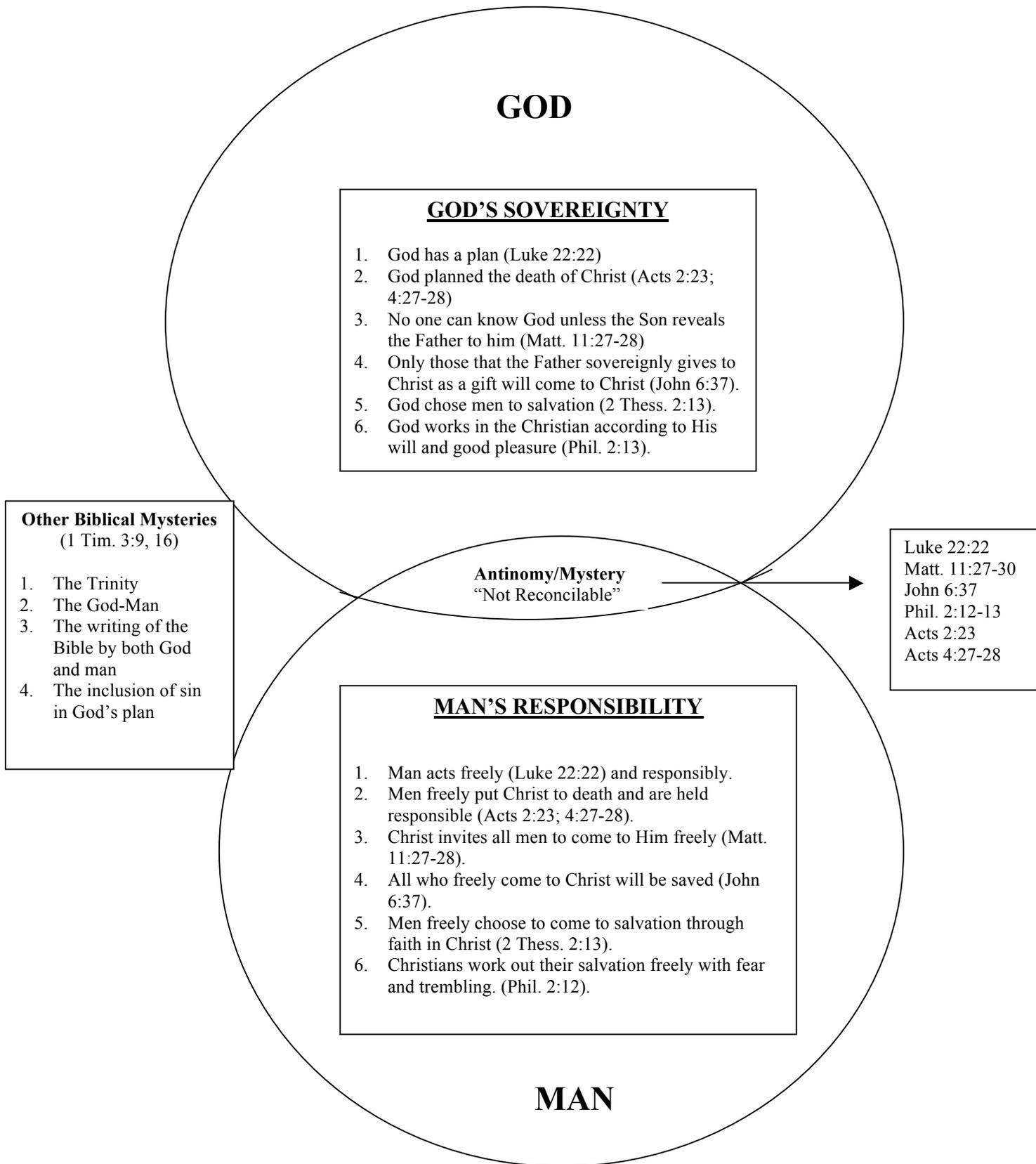


CHART #1

ACCEPTING MYSTERIES



GOD

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

1. God has a plan (Luke 22:22)
2. God planned the death of Christ (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)
3. No one can know God unless the Son reveals the Father to him (Matt. 11:27-28)
4. Only those that the Father sovereignly gives to Christ as a gift will come to Christ (John 6:37).
5. God chose men to salvation (2 Thess. 2:13).
6. God works in the Christian according to His will and good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

Antinomy/Mystery
"Not Reconcilable"

Luke 22:22
Matt. 11:27-30
John 6:37
Phil. 2:12-13
Acts 2:23
Acts 4:27-28

MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. Man acts freely (Luke 22:22) and responsibly.
2. Men freely put Christ to death and are held responsible (Acts 2:23; 4:27-28).
3. Christ invites all men to come to Him freely (Matt. 11:27-28).
4. All who freely come to Christ will be saved (John 6:37).
5. Men freely choose to come to salvation through faith in Christ (2 Thess. 2:13).
6. Christians work out their salvation freely with fear and trembling. (Phil. 2:12).

MAN

1. Christians must be content with living with mysteries. No human being, not even a regenerate mind, can totally grasp the infinite workings of a sovereign God. We must accept at face value the teaching of scripture on divine sovereignty and human responsibility.
2. Christians must always maintain a proper balance between divine sovereignty and human responsibility. To deny God's total sovereignty is to make God less than God and more like a man. To deny human responsibility is to reduce man to a robot. Both divine sovereignty and human responsibility are true but these two scriptural truths are irreconcilable to the finite human mind.