

**SATANIC DECEPTION AND FALSE TEACHINGS OF
CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM**

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Preface

In this book, I outline what I think are Biblical reasons for rejecting Calvinism and Arminianism. It has falsely been said that if you are not a Calvinist, then you must be an Arminian. It has falsely been said that if you believe in eternal security of the believer you must be Calvinist. Some have been led to say that they must lean toward Calvinism rather than Arminianism. Some call themselves moderate Calvinists. Some think it is alright to be one point, or two point, or three point Calvinists. I present the case to which all points of Calvinism and all points of Arminianism are false teaching and satanic deception. In the SBC, churches and young pastors are being tormented by the philosophical teachings of man which drive Calvinism and try to twist Scripture to fit the satanic deception. I will first write mostly about the false teachings of Calvinism because it dominates the literature and airwaves of the SBC. Not all Baptists are Protestants. You do not have to be a Calvinist nor an Arminian to be Biblical.

I begin with a short presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You may notice that Calvinistic mysticism and man's philosophical additions to the Scripture are missing in this presentation.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS SIMPLE TO UNDERSTAND

Adam sinned against God and caused sin and death to enter all humanity born of man. The Eternal Son of God became flesh through the virgin birth and entered humanity without sin. Jesus is the perfect man because Jesus is the Eternal Son of God Himself. Jesus lived perfect without sin. The crucifixion of Jesus proves that Jesus is God and proves why that sin should be removed. Jesus is the perfect truth and sin cannot tolerate truth. By crucifying Jesus, sin condemns itself and demonstrates that sin deserves to be removed from all creation. The Second Adam, Jesus Christ, has the right as a Man to remove sin. God the Father gives the resurrected Jesus the authority to judge all things and remove sin from all creation. Jesus has given His plan for sin removal. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to convict every person of sin, the need for righteousness, and the fact of judgment. Any person may accept the truth of personal sin, and allow the Spirit to bring that person to saving faith in Jesus for sin removal. For any person who has "saving faith in Jesus", the Spirit will give: new birth, the seal of ownership, eternal security, permanent indwelling of the Spirit, and the Spirit will start the process leading to glorification. Glorification is to be like Jesus in total sinlessness, and total righteousness.

SALVATION IS SO SIMPLE A FIFTH GRADER CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND

Jesus left heaven and became human so that He could remove sin from all creation. Jesus was crucified by man because He was the truth. Sinful man does not want to believe the truth. Jesus died by giving His physical sinless life so that sin is condemned for what it is. Sin is the very opposite of who God is. Jesus became the Second Adam with victory over sin, death, and all wickedness because He died sinless. God the Father gave the resurrected Jesus all power, authority, and judgment over creation. Jesus has a three phase plan for removing sin from creation. We are in phase one and sinners can cooperate with the Holy Spirit, turn to Jesus, and receive the gift of eternal life by believing that Jesus can and will cleanse them from all sin and present them faultless to the Heavenly Father. The resurrected life of Jesus is saving believers from sin, and physical death of the believer is the last step in sin removal. The last two phases of sin removal are the Judgment of Nations and the Great White Throne Judgment with the presentation of the New Heaven and New Earth.

All accountable persons are responsible to confess their sinfulness, believe in Jesus for the removal of their sin, and receive eternal life in Christ through cooperation with the Spirit. Jesus demonstrated the love of the Father by everything He did on earth. The Father loves Jesus because He gave His physical life in death to become the redeemer of all creation. All creation will be redeemed from sin and death. But only those accountable people who fulfill the one condition of putting their faith in Jesus alone will inherit eternal life. Eternal security of the believer is based upon the promise of God's Word that all who believe in the Lord Jesus for sin removal will receive "new birth" and be made a new creation in Christ.

All "born again" believers are saved from the penalty of sin. The resurrected Christ has put the believer on track for power over sin through the indwelling Holy Spirit and total sin removal at physical death. Believers enter the presence of God totally sinless and totally righteous. Only the righteous acts of the believer done by the Spirit will accompany the believer to Heaven. The Spirit convicts the believer of sin and empowers the cooperating believer to do right. Romans 12:1,2

FALSE FOUNDATIONS OF CALVINISM

Total depravity of Calvinism rejects the need for man to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and his need to be brought to saving faith in conjunction with his will. Calvinism falsely requires regeneration before saving faith. The Bible says that cooperating with the Spirit and being brought to saving faith is a condition for regeneration.

Unconditional election of Calvinism falsely says that God regenerates only those who He chose to be saved before the foundation of the world. The Bible makes it clear that God never chooses anyone for regeneration. Regeneration is always due to a person's cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction and being brought to saving faith in Jesus. God does choose those "in Christ" to holiness and service. But regeneration is the result of interaction between the cooperative spirit of man and Holy Spirit conviction concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. Only after the believer is regenerated and is "in Christ" does election apply to the believer.

Limited atonement of Calvinism falsely says that Jesus died effectively for the ones God chose to be saved before the foundation of the world. This is a false teaching concerning how people are saved. Cooperating believers are saved by His resurrection life. Believers are saved by the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Spirit. The physical, sinless, shed blood of Jesus does give opportunity for salvation to occur. But only the Holy Spirit can bring a cooperative heart to regeneration. Jesus did die effectively for the whole world according to Scripture. Jesus died so that He has the right to remove all sin from the world.

Irresistible grace of Calvinism falsely says that God elects some to eternal life without regard to the will of the person and saves unconditionally. Scripture says God does not elect anyone for regeneration. Saving grace is due to a cooperating heart under the conviction of the Holy Spirit being led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Security of the believer of Calvinism is falsely based upon the believer being one of the elect. According to Calvinism if the believer is truly one of the elect he will persevere in the faith. This is a false basis for security. True biblical security of the believer is based on the promise of Jesus to give new birth and make a new creation for all who cooperate with the Spirit and believe in the Lord Jesus

Christ. Trust is in Jesus alone, not trust in being elected. Believers can know that they have a relationship with Christ and eternal life.

Calvinism falsely claims that Jesus became sin, God poured out His wrath on Jesus punishing Him in place of the elect, making Him pay the penalty for the sins of the elect. This is not taught in the Bible in any form or fashion. Jesus does save believers from the penalty of sin. Jesus died as the prerequisite for sin removal. Jesus saves through His death and by His life and Holy Spirit regeneration. The Father allowed Jesus to be crucified in order to condemn sin to the utmost, and God has given Jesus the authority to remove sin from all creation.

Documentation:

After that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13b

Jesus said, "I have longed to gather you to Myself but you were not willing." Matt. 23:37b

For God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. He predestined us (who are in Christ) to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:4

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Believe that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9b

With the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:10

Having been reconciled we are saved by His life. Romans 5:10b

He saves us, not because of righteous things we have done but because of His mercy He saved us through the washing of regeneration (rebirth) and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

Jesus is the sacrifice for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:2 also John 3:16 1 Peter 3:18 1 Timothy 2:6 Hebrews 2:9 Romans 8:3

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13a

FALSE FOUNDATIONS OF ARMINIANISM

Human free will is based on the false premise that a man can choose Christ or reject Christ. The truth is that coming to Christ can only be done in cooperation with Holy Spirit conviction. There must be interaction of the will of man with Holy Spirit conviction. The Holy Spirit can bring a person to Christ when cooperation with conviction is present.

Conditional election concerns the false premise that God chooses for eternal life those He sees will choose to believe in Jesus. This is based on the false premise that God chooses some for eternal life. The truth is that God never chooses anyone for regeneration. God does choose those “in Christ” to holiness and service. Regeneration is the result of interaction between the cooperative spirit of man and the conviction of the Holy Spirit concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Universal Atonement is based on the false premise that the shed blood of Christ gives universal opportunity for man to choose Christ or reject Christ due to free will. This is based on the false premise that man’s salvation is left to his own responsibility. The physical, sinless, shed blood of Jesus does give opportunity for salvation to occur. But only the Holy Spirit can bring a cooperating heart to regeneration.

Resistible grace is based on the false premise that the Holy Spirit calls people to regeneration and that you can say yes or no. The truth is that the Holy Spirit never calls anyone to regeneration. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, the need for righteousness (Christ is the only Righteous One), and the fact of judgment. The Holy Spirit convicts people to cooperate with Him and be brought to saving faith and regeneration.

Fall from grace is based on the false premise that a person can be saved and later lose his salvation. The truth is that the saved person has cooperated with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and has been brought to saving faith, and has been sealed by the Holy Spirit with security in Christ forever.

GOD NEVER CHOOSES OR ELECTS ANYONE TO REGENERATION**THE HOLY SPIRIT NEVER CALLS ANYONE TO REGENERATION**

Romans 8:29-30

Who did God foreknow? God foreknows who will cooperate with the Spirit and allow the Spirit to bring them to saving faith and regeneration.

The ones God foreknows are the predestined.

What are they predestined to? They are predestined to glorification, that is, to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Who are the called? Those who have already been regenerated, foreknown, and predestined are the called.

What are they called to? They are called to holiness and service.

Who are the justified? Those who are regenerated and called to holiness and service are justified.

How are they justified? Jesus changes “the regenerated and the called” to new creations. Jesus makes the regenerate totally sinless and totally righteous through the process of sanctification which includes physical separation from the flesh and finally glorification, the ultimate conforming to the image of Jesus.

Who are the elect? Those who are foreknown, predestined, called, justified, and glorified are the elect. The elect are those who are called to holiness and service.

Who has cooperated with the Spirit unto saving faith and regeneration?

Romans 8:1 Those who are in Christ and walk after the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 Those who mind the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:9 Those who are indwelt by the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:10 Those who have life and righteousness by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 Those who are led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:15 Those who have received the Spirit of adoption.

Romans 8:16 Those who the Spirit bears witness to. Those who are truly children of God by the Spirit.

Romans 8:17 Those who are joint heirs with Christ and those who suffer with Christ.

Romans 8:26 Those who the Spirit helps to pray.

Romans 8:28 Those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

GOD GETS THE MOST GLORY BY GIVING MAN FREE-WILL

Free-will defined biblically gives God all the glory when a person comes to faith in Jesus Christ.

Free-will alone would never reach or attain saving faith. God sends His Holy Spirit to convict all men of sin, the need for righteousness, and the fact of judgment to come. Conviction is man's first opportunity to move toward saving faith and God takes the first step. A man rarely cooperates with the Spirit in regard to conviction in the beginning. The fact that God lets man make choices concerning when and how he cooperates with the Spirit makes God's sovereignty even greater. God also uses the testimony of believers to persuade a man to cooperate with the Spirit. But God never forces a man to believe. God uses evil, suffering, sorrow, and even death to persuade a man to cooperate. The free-will of a man can block the only avenue by which a man can be saved. If the free-will of a man cooperates, it is the Spirit which incrementally brings that man to saving faith, so it is God who gets the glory for saving a sinner. Without God, free-will only brings about death. A man does have the ability to reason and the ability to respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit. If a man never responds positively to conviction he cuts off any hope of being saved. So free-will alone could never result in a man being saved. But with free-will playing a role in the condition leading to being saved, God is greater. The one condition for a man being saved is saving faith. Upon arrival at saving faith, God promises regeneration. Eternal security is founded in God's promise. Regeneration places a believing man in Christ. Once a man is in Christ he becomes the elect of God with a promise. God will complete the work He began in the believer. Election is of those "in Christ" to purpose, identity, holiness, adoption, glorification, and service. Biblical election was predestined for those in Christ from before the beginning of creation. God is not limited to looking ahead in "time." God sees in the present and in the future in His Eternal Now. God is actively bringing about His will with perfect knowledge of the thoughts of all mankind. In spite of allowing the free-will responses of a man, God allows and decrees what will happen in each person's life and remains totally sovereign in doing so. God is big enough to handle a world of free-willed people and let the redeemed experience the fullness of God.

Believers still have free-will while they live the sanctified life. To God be the glory when believers cooperate to grow in grace and strive to serve and love God with all their heart. Cooperation with the Spirit and cooperation with other believers work together to bring glory to God. To cooperate with the Spirit is to be led and taught by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit chooses to glorify the sacrificial love of the Father and of the Son in redeeming cooperating souls and redeeming all of creation from evil.

FALSE THEOLOGY BEGINS WITH A FALSE FOUNDATION

The Bible states that it is the shed blood of Christ and His resurrection which is required for regeneration to be possible. The shed blood of the sinless Jesus makes regeneration possible for any person who hears, believes, and receives Christ as personal Savior. But the shed blood alone does not predetermine to regenerate anyone. It is the Resurrection Life of Jesus that regenerates through the power and work of the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:10 and Titus 3:5 Only persons who hear, believe in Jesus, and receive Jesus as personal Savior become the elect of God. Election of those “in Christ” is always an election to service. No person is elected to regeneration according to the Bible. People who believe and receive the free gift are saved “in Christ” and are elected to purity of service. Election in the Bible is always to service and never to regeneration. Ephesians 1:3-14

A false theology teaches that the elect of God are predetermined to be regenerated by the shed blood of Christ, and that election is for and to regeneration. And if the blood of Christ determines regeneration and if Jesus died for all, then all would be regenerated. Thus the false theology invented limited atonement and unconditional election. Limited atonement is the belief that Jesus only died for the elect and could not have died for the entire world else the whole world of people would be regenerated. Unconditional election is the belief that there are no conditions upon a man to be regenerated, that a man is so spiritually dead that he cannot respond to Jesus and believe in Jesus until after he is regenerated. This leads to a false belief about total depravity. A false understanding of total depravity is that no man can believe in Christ until after he is regenerated, thus regeneration precedes faith. This is totally backwards to what the Bible teaches. The Bible always teaches that faith precedes regeneration. This leads to the false belief of irresistible grace. Irresistible

grace is the belief that God must force regeneration upon the elect otherwise no totally depraved man would ever be regenerated. This leads to the false belief that the saints must persevere to the end of life to prove that they are truly born again. If they don't persevere, then they were never elected. The only security of the believer in this faulty theology is in their election. They have no security in Jesus who they should believe in because of His sinless death and His resurrection life.

It is the resurrected life of Christ which enters the believing sinner and regenerates the believer. The sinless shed blood of Jesus made the resurrection possible which makes regeneration accessible to those who believe and receive Jesus. The physical shed blood of Jesus does not regenerate anyone. Believers in the shed blood and the resurrection of Jesus for sin removal receive life in Christ and are regenerated by the Spirit. The physical blood of Jesus is not the sole agent for regeneration.

At the Cross, the experience of Jesus was sin laid upon Him striking against His very sinless nature. Sin struck against Jesus with all its fury because Jesus is God and sin is always against God. Jesus died sinless so that sin could be condemned to its utmost. Satan did not understand that sin would be defeated at the Cross. Satan bruised Jesus at the Cross, but Jesus defeated sin, death, and Satan at the Cross.

Sin causes harm, pain, and death to me but it cannot pain me the way it pained the sinless and holy Jesus in His flesh during those three hours of darkness. Sin only had power to bring pain against the humanity of Jesus. Jesus suffered the immensity of all sin against His physical body. His shed blood being sinless gave Jesus the right to remove all sin from Creation. Scripture describes the process of sin removal from Creation and the ultimate restoration of all Creation.

The false foundation of Calvinism and Arminianism is that the physical death of Christ alone saves the elect from sin. They start with false premises concerning election and how the believer is regenerated. Wrong definitions lead to wrong theology.

THE TEN SECOND PROOF

Search the Scriptures and you will find the “10 seconds” which proves the Father did not forsake Jesus on the Cross “in the way we thought?”

Matthew 27:46 Luke 23:44-46 Psalm 22:1,24 Psalm 34:20 John 19:36

“Ten seconds” represents the short interval of time in which Jesus prays to the Father by quoting Psalm 22:1 and then cries out “Father into Thy hands I commit my spirit.” Jesus prayed to the Father at three o’clock during His final moments of obedient death and the Father answered His prayer. Jesus experienced the Cross with complete trust in the Word of God (Psalm 22), with perfect faith, and perfect obedience (Hebrews 5:8).

God proved in “10 seconds” that forsaking His Son was not pouring out His wrath on His Son, and forsaking His Son was not turning His back on His Son, and forsaking His Son was not punishing His Son for our sins. Jesus bore our sins. The Father laid on Jesus more than He could bear, but the Father was with Him through it all. Jesus died a physical death under the load of the knowledge of our sin against God. The Father gave His Son and the Son gave Himself so that sin could be condemned to the fullest and so that our sins could be removed when we believe in Him.

Isaiah 53:11 Psalm 22:24 Romans 8:3; 5:10 2 Corinthians 5:19; 1:8

THE TRUE MEANING OF FORSAKEN CONTRASTED WITH THE FALSE MEANING

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46

The following is the true meaning of “the Father forsakes the Son.”

Jesus bore our sin and the sin of the whole world of sinners.

On the Cross, Jesus was given by the Father omniscience of all our sins.
 The Father laid on Jesus all our sins which was more than He could bear.
 Jesus died a physical death under the anguish of all our sin against God.
 God gave His Son and the Son gave Himself so that sin would be condemned to the fullest and so that sin could be removed from all creation and from all who believe in Jesus.

The following is the false meaning of "the Father forsakes the Son."

False interpretations of Scripture:

Jesus became sin in our place.

The Father poured out His wrath on Jesus in our place and is appeased of His wrath for the elect.

The Father turns His back on Jesus punishing Him for our sin.

The Father must be righteous and punish sin. The Father punished Jesus for our sin debt.

The Father kills the Son so the penalty of sin is paid.

ALL THESE STATEMENTS ARE FALSE AND NOT BIBLICAL.

GOD DOES NOT POUR HIS WRATH OUT ON JESUS OR PUNISH JESUS IN OUR PLACE

So, how is God justified in saving believers?

The sinless death of Jesus condemns sin to the utmost and the Father gave Jesus the right to remove sin from all believers and give them His righteousness.

There is no penalty for being sinless and righteous. Believers are made to be both through sanctification and finally through glorification.

God is justified by changing believers, not by changing Himself.

So God does not need to be appeased of His wrath against us by killing His Son.

So God had no need to punish Jesus in our place.

So God had no need to pour out His wrath on His Son.

How were all our sins laid upon Jesus at the Cross?

For 3 hours the Father gave Jesus all knowledge of personal sin of all people of all time.

Every sin is a strike against God. Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus bore our sin mentally, emotionally, and physically. The wrath of sin killed Jesus. Jesus allowed it and the Father allowed it.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My Righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:10-11

Interpretation: It pleased the LORD to let Jesus be bruised and killed by our sin. The grief of Jesus was to experience all our sin striking out against Him. His grieving soul was an offering for sin. Jesus was resurrected and sees the redeemed, Jesus will live on forever, and the LORD is well pleased with the work of His hands and will bless Him. When Jesus sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied. And because of His experience, Jesus made it possible for many to be made righteous, for He bore all our iniquities. Jesus saw and felt all our sins come against Him, because Jesus is God.

CONTRASTING THE PHYSICAL BLOOD OF JESUS WITH HIS SPIRITUAL BLOOD

The shed physical blood of Jesus makes all people have access to regeneration. But it is the spiritual blood of Jesus that we must cooperate with and have poured out upon us and into us in order to be regenerated. When Jesus tells us to eat His flesh and drink His blood, He is referring to His spiritual flesh and spiritual blood. His spiritual flesh is the Bread from Heaven and His spiritual blood is His Holy Spirit. Life is in the blood. It is the Spirit who gives life. Jesus' physical blood shed gives us access to regeneration. Jesus' spiritual blood, the Holy Spirit, regenerates those who believe in Jesus and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Jesus said, "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life." John 6:54

Jesus calls the Spirit the "water of life." "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13 "Come, whoever is thirsty, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17b "Whoever believes in Me, streams of living water will flow from within him. By this He meant the Spirit." John 7:38, 39a

The water of life and the spiritual lifeblood of Jesus is the Holy Spirit. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. The physical blood of Jesus shed for us gives access to God. The spiritual blood of Jesus is the white blood-washing work of the indwelling Spirit. "Believers washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb." This blood of the Lamb is the Spirit poured out upon and into those who believe in Jesus.

"We are saved by His life." Romans 5:10b It is the life giving, resurrection power, Holy Spirit of God that regenerates us. The shed physical blood of Jesus is the blood which gives access to God, but it is the spiritual blood of Jesus, the water of life, the resurrection power, which regenerates believers.

Calvinists and Arminians have missed the foundational truth of the Cross. They both attribute regeneration to the physical blood shed at the cross which results in their wrong definitions of election. In Scripture, regeneration is attributed to the work of the Spirit and is given as the sinner cooperates with the Spirit and believes in Jesus as Lord and Savior. In Scripture the elect are only the elect after they are "in Christ." Election did not happen at the Cross. Believers in Jesus become the elect and election is to service.

A SIMPLE PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

Sin damages our happiness, our joy, and our peace of mind. Our sin damages our loved ones, our friends, and our neighbors. Our sin separates us from a relationship with our Creator God. God the Father sent Jesus to change us from our bondage to sin to a new life in Him. We need to cooperate with the Spirit of God and let Him bring us to belief in Jesus for sin removal and restoration to a relationship with God. Seek God because He is not far from you and He will help you find Him. As soon as you believe that Jesus is willing and able to save you from your sin, ask Him to take control of your life and save you from sin. Jesus died sinless on the Cross so that He has the right to save you from sin and make you new. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Is the Spirit of God helping you believe in Jesus? Are you ready to call upon Jesus to save you?

A CORRECT VIEW OF THE CROSS OF JESUS MOTIVATES BELIEVERS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

The Father gave His Son and the Son gave His sinless life to condemn sin to the fullest. God the Father gave Jesus the power and authority to remove sin from all creation and judge all things. Jesus will save from sin any person who will cooperate with the Spirit and let the Spirit lead him to faith in Jesus and new life in Jesus.

A WRONG VIEW OF THE CROSS STIFLES EVANGELISM AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE BELIEVER

The false views of Calvinism and their false views of the Cross lead some people to replace the change that must occur in the believer with a wrongly supposed change in God. God never changes, but a person must be changed to a new creation in Christ for redemption to be justified. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not about God being changed but it is about a personal change in the one who cooperates with the Spirit. The Gospel is not about God choosing a person to eternal life, it is about a personal willingness to let the Spirit work a change in one's life.

Do you agree that belief in Jesus must happen before God will save you? Then you are not calvinist. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Do you agree that one must cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction before God will save you? Then you are not calvinist.

The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, the need for righteousness, and judgment.

John 16:8

Do you agree that God loves all people and wants all people to be saved but that some are unwilling? Then you are not a calvinist.

God so loved the world that He gave Jesus that whosoever believes in Him will not perish.

O Jerusalem, I would have gathered you to myself like a hen gathers chicks under her wings but you were not willing. Matt. 23:37

Do you believe that Jesus became sin on the cross, or do you believe Jesus was the sin offering who bore the anguish of our sin and died to take away our sin?

Calvinist believe that Jesus became sin and that God killed Jesus to appease His wrath against us.

What Calvinists believe is not in the Bible. Calvinism is a reversal of Bible teachings.

Calvinism has wrong definitions of Biblical words.

These words include election, whosoever will (ability of the lost to respond to Holy Spirit conviction), predestination, foreknowledge, called, justified, substitution, and adoption.

WHY I AM A BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST

During my childhood, I was taught Scripture and was encouraged to memorize verses of Scripture. Out of that experience, God graciously used the Scripture to convict me of my sin, my need of right standing with God, and the fact of judgement for my sin. Gradually I began to respond to this conviction and God continued to bring me to the realization that I needed a Savior from sin and that one and only Savior is Jesus Christ who left Heaven, became a man, lived a sinless life, died sinless for my sin removal, and arose to give me new life in Him.

Individuals of my church set good examples of cooperation with the Spirit of God and I followed this example of cooperation. The Spirit of God led me to an understanding of believing in Jesus as the only Way, the only Truth, and the only way to Life in relationship with God.

I am a believer in Christ because God initiated His work in me through His church and through the conviction of the Holy Spirit and I cooperated with His work which brought me to saving faith.

My spiritual birth and my new life in Christ began after I came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and after I understood the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God has predetermined to save all those who cooperate. When we believe, we are "in Christ." Believers become the "elect of God" after they believe.

Matthew 23:37b Jesus said, "I have longed to gather you to Myself but you were not willing."
Ephesians 1:13b After that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.

For God chose us (those who are "in Christ") before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. He predestined us (who are "in Christ") to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4

Election is never to "salvation." Election is for those "in Christ" and they are all elected to holiness, blamelessness, and service.

THREE CALLS UPON MAN FROM SCRIPTURE

The call of the Law upon man is the call to obey. This call comes upon all men through conscience, family, government, society, religion and morality, and Scripture. This call is insufficient for salvation. The call does not save. This call warns us that we need a Savior from our sin. Matthew 5:48

The call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ comes through Scripture and the conviction of the Holy Spirit concerning our sin, our need for righteousness (Jesus), and the fact of judgment for breaking the Law. This call alone is insufficient for salvation. The call does not save. The call warns us that we need a Savior and that God has provided the Savior through Jesus' death and resurrection. John 16:8-11; 1 John 2:2; 1 Tim. 2:6; Rom. 5:6

There are no conditions upon God for giving salvation. God chooses out of His graciousness to save the ungodly. So salvation is all of God and only God receives the credit and the glory for saving a man.

Man receives no credit for his salvation because God initiates and provides the process for salvation to occur. Psalm 115:1; 1 Cor. 1:29-31; Romans 4:1-3; 5:18-21

There is one condition upon man for receiving salvation. Man must exercise faith and cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction allowing the Spirit to bring him to saving faith. God promises to save those who believe in Jesus and turn away from any other means of salvation. Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Romans 5:10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The call to Christian ministry comes upon every born again believer. The Great Commission is a call upon all believers. Most are called to minister non-vocationally. A few are called to employed vocational ministry, some to full time and some to bivocational.

Matthew 28:18-20

THE AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL JESUS

OUTLINE

The Eternal Son of God left Heaven and came to earth becoming human flesh through virgin birth.

John 6:38 Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus was born without a sin nature and laid aside His glory and omniscience. Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus grew in wisdom learning the Scriptures and praying daily to the Father. Luke 2:52

Jesus lived sinless by living dependent on God the Father and obedient to the Father. Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus came to earth to take away the sin of the world (Kosmos). John 1:29

Jesus knew from the Scriptures that He must die a physical and sinless death in order to condemn sin to the utmost. Romans 8:3 Isaiah 53:9 1 Peter 2:22

By condemning sin to the utmost, Jesus knew that He would be given by the Father the authority to remove sin, death, and all wickedness from the Kosmos. John 5:19-30

On the Cross, the physical body of Jesus experienced the weight of our sin upon His body. God the Father gave Jesus omniscience of all our sin and Jesus suffered physically, mentally, and emotionally to the point of physical death. Isaiah 53:11 Jesus became the sin offering. 2 Corinthians 5:21

God was in Christ on the Cross but it was the human body of sinless Jesus which suffered as the iniquity of us all was laid on Him. Isaiah 53:6,11 2 Corinthians 5:19 Colossians 1:22 1 Peter 1:19

Jesus became the Second Adam who was successful in conquering sin, death, and all wickedness. Colossians 2:9-15

God the Father has given to Jesus all authority to remove sin from the Kosmos.

John 5:22 Matthew 28:18 John 1:29

