

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.

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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.

