

Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

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THE TRUTH

Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth” (John 8:32).
We can deny the truth, ridicule it, mock it, ignore it and attack it; however, when all is said and done, truth is truth.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CALVINISM

John Calvin said, “We call predestination God's eternal decree, by which He compacted with Himself what He willed to become of each man. For all are not created in equal condition; rather, eternal life is foreordained for some, eternal damnation for others.”

Calvin taught that God will be glorified by bringing people into this world to have them burn in Hell for eternity. According to Calvinism, it might be your mother, your little boy, your daughter, your wife, and all the children in the church nursery that God will delight in sending to Hell. It might even be you! That is a blatant attack on the character of God! THAT IS HERESY!

Christian Heretics???

Yes, Christian heretics! The only time God uses the word “heretic” in the Scriptures is when He was referring to Christians preaching false doctrine. Titus 3:10 says, “A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject.” According to Strongs Concordance, “heretic” here simply means, “a follower of a false doctrine.”

Notice the word “admonition.” This is a word that is used when dealing with believers. Romans 15:14 refers to the Christian when it says, “admonish one another.”

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Important Note

In our last article, we mentioned the fact that many para-church organizations are prevalent today. Included in the list we referred to colleges, newspapers, magazines, and the many para-church ministries on the internet.

Ministries that are not within the authority of the local church have no Scriptural grounds to exist; however, **that does not mean the local church can't have colleges, newspapers, magazines, etc.**

There are no instructions in the New Testament concerning how to organize any ministry outside of the authority of the local church. God wrote, “Pastoral Epistles” giving details to Pastors concerning how God wants things done in the local church.

God did not give instructions for presidents, professors, editors radio broadcasters, T.V. evangelists, or any other title we might borrow from the world. In the Book of Revelation, God wrote seven letters to seven pastors, He didn't write to seven newspaper editors.



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Second Thessalonians 3:14-15 says, "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."

All Means All

- **Joshua 6:3** says, "all ye men of war."
- **Psalm 6:8** says, "all ye workers of iniquity."
- **Psalm 31:23** says, "all ye his saints."
- **Psalm 31:24** says, "all ye that hope in the LORD."
- **Psalm 32:11** says, "all ye that are upright in heart."
- **Psalm 134:1** says, "all ye servants of the LORD."
- **Romans 5:12** says, "all have sinned."

Calvinist, A.W. Pink said. "The 'world' in John 3:16 must, in the final analysis, refer to the world of God's people." He continued, "Must we say, for there is no alternative solution."

Solution???

The dictionary says, a solution is "An answer to a problem." John 3:16 presents no problem unless you are a Calvinist needing a "solution" to support your position of heresy. The way a Calvinist solves his problem is to simply change the meaning of words in the Bible, and in the dictionary, to mean what they want to mean to support their FALSE DOCTRINE.

No Calvinist argues that, "all" means "all" in Romans 5:12 when it says, "all have sinned." The only reason to suggest "all" means something else in Acts 17:30, when God commands "all men every where to repent," is because Calvinists needs a "solution" to support their heresy.

Calvinism is known by an acronym: T.U.L.I.P.

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints

Total Depravity?

It is true that all people have a depraved and sinful nature and no person merits salvation; however, the word "total" means, "entirely, to the full."

The word "depraved" means "morally corrupt." To suggest that all people in the world are "totally immoral" is ridiculous. None of the neighbours on the street where I live confess to be saved, but that does not make them totally immoral. The Bible speaks repeatedly of some people who are more corrupt than others.

- **Ezekiel 16:47** says, "thou wast corrupted more than they."
- **Judges 2:19** says, "they corrupted themselves more than their fathers."
- **Jeremiah 7:26** says, "they did worse than their fathers."
- **First Kings 16:25** says, "Omri...did worse than all that were before him."

We must remember that Calvinists have their own special meaning for words. To a Calvinist total depravity means "total inability." The dictionary meaning of inability is, "Not having the quality or state of being able to do something." Calvinism says that because all mankind is "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians. 2:1-4), they cannot respond in faith to receive Christ as their Saviour.

- A Roman Centurion Responded in Faith (Matthew 8:10-13).
- A Father of A Demon Possessed Child Responded in Faith (Mark 9:23).
- A Woman With A Disease Responded in Faith (Matthew 9:20-22).
- Two Blind Men Responded in Faith (Matthew 9:27-31)
- The Canaanite Mother Responded in Faith (Matthew 15:22-28).
- A Blind Man Responded in Faith (Luke 18:35-43).
- A Man Named Jarius Responded in Faith (Luke 8:50-55).
- A Man Kicked Out of The Temple Responded in Faith (John 9:35-38).

Unconditional Election And Limited Atonement?

This is not only heresy, it is blasphemy. Imagine, if you will, the first three rows of pews in your church.



Imagine the Trinity determining they are elected to salvation and the rest can't get saved. Imagine if you will the children in the Sunday school classes. Some are unconditionally elected to salvation and the rest will burn in Hell for eternity.

Lest you think I have misrepresented John Calvin, we will let him speak for himself. In his "Institutes," Book III, chapter 23, Calvin said, "eternal life is foreordained for some, and eternal damnation for others. Every man, therefore, being created for one or the other of these ends, we say, he is predestined either to life or to death."

Salvation Is For All

Revelation 22:17 says, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

John 12:32 says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Second Peter 3:9 tells us, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Romans 5:12 says, "all have sinned." **Acts 17:30** says, "God...commandeth all men every where to be saved."

To Teach That The Love of God Is Limited Is To Teach Heresy

The basic Calvinist theory of limited atonement is that the death of Christ on Calvary's cross was limited for only those they call the "elect." This means it would be impossible to tell a sinner who was not one of their so-called elect that Christ died for them. The teaching of Calvin concerning limited atonement means that God ordained some people for Heaven and ordained the rest to suffer in Hell for eternity. Again, this is a wicked attack on the character of God who tells us in many verses in the Bible that Christ died for everyone.

A Few Verses About Choosing

- **Genesis 13:11** - "Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan."
- **First Samuel 13:2** - "Saul chose him three thousand men."
- **Exodus 17:9** - "Choose us out men, and go out, fight."
- **Hebrews 11:25** - "Choosing to suffer affliction."
- **Joshua 24:15** - "Choose you this day whom ye will serve."
- **Proverbs 1:29** - "They did not choose the fear of the LORD."

The word "choose" is in the Bible over sixty times and the word always means choose! Cults and Calvinism can only survive when they say the Bible is saying something different than it is saying. "When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense seek no other sense lest it all become nonsense."

A Few Verses About Refusing

- **Nehemiah 9:17** - "...refused to obey."
- **Psalms 78:10** - "...refused to walk in his law."
- **Proverbs 1:24** - "I have called, and ye refused."
- **Jeremiah 11:9-10** - "...refused to hear."
- **Zechariah 7:11** - "...refused to hearken,"
- **Genesis 37:35** - Jacob, "...refused to be comforted."
- **First Samuel 8:19** - "The people refused to obey."
- **Psalms 78:10** - "...refused to walk in his law."
- **Proverbs 1:24** - "I have called, and ye refused."
- **Hebrews 12:25** - "See that ye refused not him that speaketh."
- **Hebrews 11:24** - "Moses, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter."

A Few Verses About Believing

- **John 1:12** - "...even to them that believe on his name."
- **John 20:31** - "But these are written, that ye might believe."
- **John 20:31** - "...that believing ye might have life."
- **First Corinthians 1:21** - "...them that believe."
- **Hebrews 10:39** - "...them that believe."
- **John 3:18** - "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Irresistible Grace?

- **Psalms 78:22** says God's anger was kindled, "Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation."
- **Psalms 78:32** says, "they sinned still, and believed not."
- **Psalms 106:24** says, "they believed not this word."



- John 12:37 says, “yet they **believed not** on him:”
- Acts 17:5 tells of, “the Jews which **believed not**”
- Acts 19:9 says, “were hardened, and **believed not**.”
- Acts 28:24 says, “And some believed the things which were spoken, and some **believed not**”

Calvin’s Perseverance?

Many Christians wrongly assume that the Calvinist theory of the “perseverance of the saints” is synonymous with the doctrine of eternal security. The Biblical doctrine of eternal security teaches that one who has been truly saved by God’s grace is kept eternally saved by God’s grace. God has not left our eternal destiny in our ability to persevere. For God to do that would result in a salvation by works.

Calvin wrote, “Those who do not persevere unto the end belong not to the calling of God.” He said, “What they (The Christians at Corinth) had attained so far is nothing, unless they keep steadily on; because it is not enough that they once started off on the way of the Lord, if they do not make an effort to reach the goal.” (Calvin’s Calvinism page 41).

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Did The Man of God Used To Write Over Fifty Chapters of The Bible Not Persevere?

First Kings 11:4 - “For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods...his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel...he kept not that which the LORD commanded.” The man whom God used to write Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon turned away from God into idolatry and apostasy.

A. W. Pink said, “If there is a reserve in your obedience, you are on the road to Hell.” (Practical Christianity, Grand Rapids, Guardian Press, 1974, p. 16). How do Calvinists put this all together? Would they have us believe God predestined an unsaved man to write Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon and then when He was finished with him sent him to Hell? Are some still wondering why we call Calvinism heresy?

Did These Persevere?

- Noah got drunk.
- Abraham was a liar.
- Jacob was a schemer.
- Saul turned away from God.
- David fell into sin.
- John Mark quit.
- Peter cursed and denied Christ.
- All the Disciples forsook Jesus.

The list goes on and on.

According to Calvinist A. W. Pink said, “If there is a reserve in your obedience, you are on the road to Hell,” That means all these people were on the road to Hell!

To those Calvinist followers who may be upset concerning any of my statements in this article: you should not be upset; because, according to Calvinism, I was foreordained by God to write it all.

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