

# Calvinism

*A Trifecta  
of Error!*



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**Calvinism is a doctrine popularized by John Calvin during the Protestant Reformation & it infuses nearly ALL of Protestantism. While Catholicism teaches salvation by “works,” Calvinism teaches salvation by “faith only” – an over-reaction. Calvinism is a logical system, each point necessarily following from the other. Hence, if part of Calvinism is true, then all of it is!**

**But if part is false, all is false!**

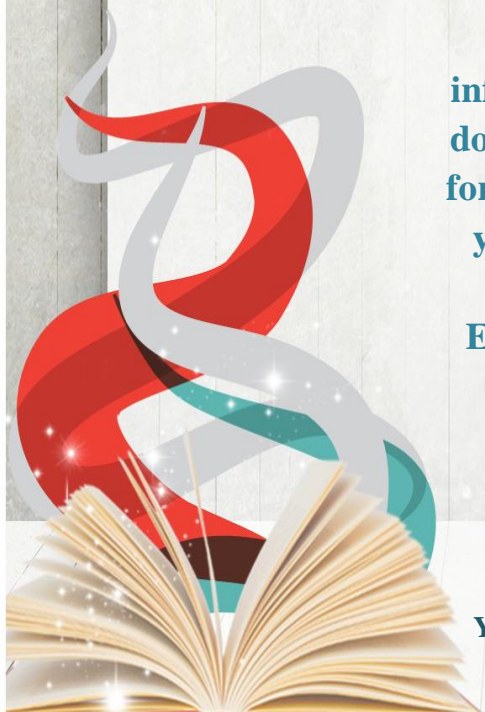
**Hopefully, we can see that Calvinism is false to the core! Do not fall prey to the teachings of men. Rather, study the word, and do exactly what it says to the best of your ability. You’ll be glad you did! Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ? If not, then BELIEVE-REPENT-CONFESS-BE BAPTIZED-LIVE FAITHFULLY, or REPENT-CONFESS-PRAY. We encourage you to act NOW!**

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## Calvinism: A Trifecta of Error!

### **First error: *misunderstands Divine sovereignty***

- God controls everything to the extent that He CAUSES everything that happens! (But what about Ecclesiastes 9:11?)
- The consequences are staggering! If you're lost, it had NOTHING to do with you; GOD caused it!
- God can be sovereign w/o denying free will; *for His sovereignty is vindicated in the final judgment!*

### **Second error: a false definition of "imputation"**

- The sin of Adam transferred to all men: If so, how could THIS statement be true? (Romans 5:14)
- The sins of the elect transferred to Christ: If so, how could Christ be a *sinless* offering? (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- The righteousness of Christ transferred to the elect: If so, why worry about how I live? (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- In truth, neither sin nor righteousness is "transferrable" – *we ARE what we ARE!* (Ezekiel 18:20)

### **Third error: the resulting "T-U-L-I-P" acrostic**

Total Depravity: By imputation, all men are genetically tainted by sin, lacking ANY free will

- In truth, man does not "inherit" sin, but "chooses" to sin (Ezekiel 18:1-4, 20; James 1:13-16)

Unconditional Election: By Divine sovereignty, God predetermined the individuals to be saved

- In truth, God predestined the "realm" of salvation; and man must choose (Ephesians 1:3-5; Revelations 22:17)

Limited Atonement: By Divine sovereignty, Christ only died for the predestined "elect"

- In truth, Christ died for ALL (availability), but only saves (actuality) "the believer" (John 3:16)

Irresistible Grace: By Divine sovereignty, man cannot resist the "call" of God

- In truth, man CAN "resist the Holy Spirit" by rejecting the word of God (Acts 7:51-53)

Perseverance of the saints: By Divine sovereignty, God cannot FAIL; hence, man cannot FALL

- In truth, man CAN "fall from grace" (1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20-22)

**-Lanny Smith**

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