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Systematic Theology

Soteriology: The Doctrine of Salvation

Last Week...

**III. WHAT ARE THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM?**

 Calvinism gets its name from the Protestant reformer John Calvin.

 Born in France in 1509, he originally pursued a career as a lawyer. In

 1533 while still a Roman Catholic, he read several of Martin Luther’s

 sermons and started on the road to Protestantism. The record of his

 conversion to Christ is unclear and he still showed actions of

 involvement in the Roman system. In 1536, he published his first

 addition of *Institutes of the Christian Religion.* Much of what he

 believed and taught came from the writings of Augustine who lived

 from 354 to 430 AD. Augustine taught and formulated many of

 Rome’s heretical doctrines including infant baptism, no salvation

 outside the Catholic church, the sinlessness of Mary and so on.

 Twenty-five years after Calvin died, Reformers got together for a

 Synod in Dort, Netherlands verifying the main doctrines of the

 Reformed Church which included the five points which were in

 opposition to Arminianism. It became an acronym - T.U.L.I.P.

 **A. TOTAL DEPRAVITY (INABILITY)**

This Week...

 **B**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 We saw the erroneous teaching that man is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to

 come to Christ for salvation. So, in this one they say that God has

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that some will be

 saved without any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be met on their part and

 others will not be saved because He has not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

 John Calvin said:

 *“All* *are* *not* *created* *on* *equal* *terms,* *but* *some* *are* *preordained* *to* *eternal* *life,* *others* *to* *eternal* *damnation;* *and,* *accordingly,* *as* *each* *has* *been* *created* *for* *one* *or* *other* *of* *those* *ends,* *we* *say* *that* *he* *has* *been* *predestined* *to* *life* *or* *death.”*

 There is no “beating around the bush” on this one! The

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here makes the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a God Who

 plays \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! The Bible truth is that there is a

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for salvation-individuals must put their faith in

 Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work. Man must decide to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and trust in Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulting in the new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ just as our lord informed Nicodemus. We must

 beware of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of words and/or their meanings by

 those who have an agenda promoting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Whosoever means just that! If it meant the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then

 the penman used by the Holy Spirit would have used that specific

 word. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in the Greek is *pas* which is

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all most of the time. Also, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

 (*Kosmos*) is redefined to mean “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Beware! *1 Jn*

 *4:16* is very clear about God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! How can we as

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ love others as the Lord wants us to when He does

 not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone? *Eph 2:4-9*

 **C. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 Five-point Calvinists will tell you that Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ died

 for the elect. Because to them, it would be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for

 Him to die for those not elected to eternal life! See *1 Jn 2:2*. “the

 whole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” *Heb 2:9* - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man.” *1 Tim*

 *2:6* - “a ransom for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” *Jn 1:29* - “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

 *Isa 53:6* - “all.” *2 Cor 5:14-15* - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” *Rom 5:6-8* - Who are

 the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? Who are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? *Rom 3:23*

 R.C. Sproul stated: “The world for whom Christ died cannot mean

 the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ family. It must refer to the universality

 of the elect (people from every tribe and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).” So,

 again, the world is not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! What about *Mk*

 *16:15*? *Lk 19:10*? *1 Tim 1:15*? The Calvinist will argue that Christ

 could not have shed His blood for non-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for that

 would have been a waste of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They also say

 that Christ died for all “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of men.” Again, they

 must resort to redefining words and phrases to fit their position. God

 help us to take the words of Scripture as they are written in the

 Preserved, Infallible, Inerrant, Inspired Word of God! *2 Pt 3:16*