

# Understanding and Refuting The False Doctrines of Calvinism

An In-depth Look At The Life of John Calvin, His False Teachings,  
and Why We Have Reformed Theology Today

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# Chapter One

## A Concise History of the Life of John Calvin

John Calvin was born July 10, 1509 at Noyone in Picardy France, and died in Geneva Switzerland May 27, 1564. John Calvin grew up as a devout Catholic. After his studies at college in philosophy, Calvin began a long career in the Catholic priesthood and later became a professor. His father convinced him to study law, and having been influenced by the teachings of the Reformer Martin Luther, whose influence was widespread throughout the known world, and from his reading of the Scriptures, disagreed with the tenants of the Catholic church and of the Pope, and consented to a change in careers.

After his studies in law and Greek, Calvin returned to Paris where he had influence over a man named Nicolas Cop, Rector of the University of Paris. After having read Calvin's doctrines and materials, he gave a speech concerning them. This angered the devout Catholics in authority and so began a persecution against them and the reformers who followed their doctrines. They were forced to leave Paris and go to Xaintonge, a province of France, where he was taken into the college of Forteret. He returned in 1534 where he wrote and published a work denouncing the doctrine of soul sleep, something believed and held today by the Jehovah's Witnesses. After writing his institutes of Christian Religion, a book which we will be referring to in later chapters, he was forced to leave Paris once again because of the persecutions, where reformers were being burned at the stake for their beliefs. The apple does not fall too far from the tree, however. Both his predecessor Martin Luther and Calvin himself persecuted others for their beliefs. One such man was a Spanish Unitarian Theologian named Servetus. Servetus denounced the traditional and common beliefs of Catholic church and of the Reformers namely in the doctrines of the Trinity and of Baptism. Servetus asserted that the Trinity taught three Gods instead of one. He sought to appeal to and unite the Jewish and Muslim communities who held to the same argument. His teachings were erroneous, but hardly worth burning someone at the stake for.

One of the great problems we find with the children of the Catholic church, the Protestants (of which Baptists have never been a part of), is that they held to the same beliefs that "the ends justifies the means". They sought to create their own form of Catholicism and excommunicate, persecute, or kill anyone that did not agree with them. Calvin's idea was to refine Catholic teachings into his own universal church, with him as the effective new Pope. As we said, the apple does not fall too far from the tree. John Foxe, for all his good and historical research, has the opinion that Calvin was right in his doctrines, but wrong in his role for which Servetus was burned. Foxe defends Calvin by showing that Calvin actually tried to help free Servetus by urging him to recant. Foxe asserts that theologians often turn to the argument of "Calvin burned Servetus" because they cannot refute his doctrines. This however is wrong. His doctrines are heretical in nature and easily refuted. This we will see in later chapters. For more on the life and death of John Calvin, we strongly recommend reading Foxe's Book of Martyrs, Chapter XIII.

## Chapter Two

### The Reformer's Movements

If you are to understand John Calvin, you must understand the time in which he lived. Although there were a great many churches which have never been associated with the Catholic church, yet many Catholic priests and Parrish members were coming out of Catholicism and starting their own movements. We highly recommend reading two books, *The Trail of Blood*, by James Milton Carroll, and *Baptist History*, by G.H. Orchard. Both of these books clearly show that there were churches prior to the Catholic church and that Baptists are not protestants. However, there were some mighty men of God coming out of the Catholic priesthood to start their own churches. The most famous reformer we think would be that of Martin Luther, a predecessor and contemporary of John Calvin. Martin Luther was a Catholic priest who after reading the Scriptures, saw that salvation was by faith alone. He became famous for his phrase "Sola Scriptura" (Scripture only), and for his bravery in nailing his ninety five thesis to the wall of the Vatican, which mostly denounced the Popery and all of his heresies.

Because reformers were coming out of the Catholic churches, they desired to have a "purified version" of Catholicism. The reformers never wanted to leave the Catholic church, only to reform its teachings to a purer state. Someone said that if you take the Catholicism out of a Protestant church you will have a Baptist church, and that if you take the Baptist doctrine out of the Protestant church, you will have a Catholic church. Baptists have always been the most persecuted of all believers. Protestants such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli all persecuted Baptists with utter hypocrisy as they advocated for religious liberty. Protestants denounced the Catholic church burning their own reformers at the stake, while at the same time burning others at the stake that did not agree with them.

The reformer's movements came out of a corrupt tree. As the Lord said, "A corrupt tree cannot produce good fruit." **"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 ¶Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."**--Matthew 7:18-23.

The fruit that fell off the Catholic tree has all been corrupt. The apples have not fallen too far from the tree. While men like Luther and Wesley have written many songs in our hymn books for our admonition, let us not look past the fact that some of them were probably not even saved. You cannot persecute other believers and be called a believer yourself. The Bible is very clear on this.

**“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.”--1 John 2:9-11.**

Clearly the fact that Martin Luther sought to kill Baptists proves to me that he had more of the Pope in him, whom he denounced as the Antichrist, than Jesus. John Calvin and other reformers simply desired to be the leaders of their own movements. They sought to purify the Catholic church in their own way and have a universal church that met their criteria, all while burning people at the stake in the most hypocritical manner. Had these men desired to purify their beliefs and souls, they would have realized that the entire Catholic church was corrupt. They would have started a Baptist church based on Biblical truth rather than on Catholic traditions and superstitions.

Baptist churches have been around since Jesus started the church. There is a slight debate on when that happened. Some believe it started at the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down upon the believers. However, this is not the author's opinion. We believe the church was EMPOWERED at Pentecost. (Acts 1:4, 8) The Lord told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the power and promise of the Father (a reference to the Holy Ghost coming down as described in Acts chapter two. Remember also after the resurrection, that when the Lord appeared to His disciples PRIOR to Pentecost, He breathed on them the Holy Ghost (John 20:21-22).

It is our belief that the New Testament church (The church of the firstborn [Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 12:23]) started after the resurrection of Christ, prior to Pentecost. They were empowered at Pentecost to do the service of the Lord, but the few early believers clearly had the indwelling of God's Spirit prior to that. Those churches that were started by Paul, James, and the other first century believers were New Testament churches. These churches taught a series of doctrines and beliefs that come straight from the Bible. Any church that adheres to these doctrines are local New Testament Baptist churches. These churches existed PRIOR to the Catholic church and Emperor Constantine.

Then there is the issue of the texts that were used for the different Bible translations. The Apostle Paul and the Apostles wrote the New Testament Bible. Copies were published in different languages to disperse to the churches (Colossians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:27). These copies were just as inspired as the originals. Not too long after the Bible was written, men began to attack the Word of God and change it to fit their philosophies. One such man was named Origen. He changed what the Word of God said because he believed in baptismal regeneration, and denied the Triune God-head. He attacked and ripped verses out of the Bible such as 1 John 5:7, and Acts 2:37. Thousands of changes were made throughout the pure copies of the Word of God, corrupting them. Proverbs 30:5-6 says, **“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”**

We are clearly told not to tamper with the Word of God, and when the Lord finished the book of the Revelation, he told us not to take away from the words of “this prophecy”, or to add to them. In other words, anyone messing with the Word of God is not right with God. It is from these corrupt texts and traditions of men that the Catholic church derived their doctrines from. It is from the corrupt Jerome’s Latin Vulgate that the priests were to study from.

Believers already had a Latin version of the Bible prior to Jerome’s Latin Vulgate. It was called the Peshitta. It was the older and pure copy. Emperor Constantine, who lived a couple hundred years after there had already been New Testament Bible believing churches established, commissioned a man named Jerome to produce a copy of Origen’s corrupted text into Latin for his new universal church where he could govern everyone in the land. This new Latin version would change the word REPENTANCE in every place it was to be found into DO PENANCE. Thus, the doctrine of penance for sins replaced the Biblical doctrine of repentance.

Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of heart, that leads to a change in action. It is a complete one hundred eighty degree turn around from sins of the past. It is mortifying the old man of sin and walking as a new creature in Christ Jesus. It is putting off the old deeds and walking in the light of Christ. Penance is a different doctrine. Penance is atoning for one’s own sins. Instead of the mind of man agreeing with the mind of God, the person in question would do good deeds, or harm himself to atone for what he did.

The concept of the rosary beads is that a person would have to say a given number of “Hail Mary’s” or some other chant as they would count the beads in their hands until they were done. This idea came from Buddhism, where the Buddhist priests would wear large beads around their necks and do the same kind of chanting in their own religion for penance. Another kind of penance was to self flagellate. That is, someone would take a whip of cords, or sharp pieces attached to the cords and whip their own backs bloody. All these things and more came out of the false word “penance” that was inserted into every place the Lord wrote to us “repentance”. Changing the word and definition brainwashed people into believing false doctrines. That is why the Bible says, **“Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.”**--Proverbs 30:5.

Any reformer coming out of the Catholic church would, by definition, have corrupt theology because they studied the corrupted Latin text, and learned the ways of the heathen in the corrupt church. The official text of the Catholic church was Jerome’s Latin Vulgate, and the only allowed language to read the Scriptures was Latin, and only by the priests, and only to be interpreted through the church’s dogmas and traditions. Since Baptists have used the pure texts throughout the centuries, their doctrines have remained pure. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. Corrupt texts cannot bring forth good doctrines. These corrupt Catholic texts are what Calvin studied as a Catholic priest and professor. This becomes apparent in reading his treatise.

## Chapter Three

# The Teachings of John Calvin

John Calvin's teaching can be mainly summed up in the word TULIP.

1. **T**OTAL DEPRAVITY OF MAN
2. **U**NCONDITIONAL ELECTION
3. **L**IMITED ATONEMENT
4. **I**RRESISTIBLE GRACE
5. **P**ERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

Calvinism has five pillars to the belief system, just as the Muslim religion has five pillars. Calvin believed that man was incapable of a direct choice to call upon the Lord. He believed that because man is dead in sins, and that a dead man cannot be brought to life, except by an act of God's breath, that God had to breathe life into every born again person without their consent. His doctrines started off corrupt in their foundations. The foundation of his argument is original sin. In the Catholic church, you are born with Adam's original sin, and the church's baptism washes it away. That is where infant baptism came about. The concept of God parents came about in this as well. The parents would impart their faith in God to the baby. The Catholic church taught that your original sin is gone and washed away by the church's baptismal waters, but you need to keep the sacraments of the church regularly to atone for your daily or weekly sins. This is their idea of penance and atonement.

Calvin's doctrines come from this line of thinking. Remember, he did not hate the Catholic church. He wanted to reform it, or build a better version of it. Total depravity of man sounds like a good doctrine on its surface. We are depraved and in need of salvation. However, his doctrine goes beyond that into the idea of believing that since man is totally depraved, they cannot choose to trust Christ by free will of their own. Their depravity would not allow it to happen.

His second tenant of unconditional election states that God has chosen who will go to heaven and who will go to Hell according to His diving purpose. Those whom He chooses to go to Heaven are chosen from the womb. They will become Christians no matter what. Those fitted for destruction will go to Hell and there is nothing they can do about it. This made for a fine way to have Calvin himself be judge of who will go to Heaven and Hell. Certainly he could exclude the Pope and other Catholic church members who persecuted him. It would have placed him into a position of great authority in his own church. His doctrine of limited atonement taught that Christ only died for a few, that is, for the elect. He taught that although the Lord said He died for all in John 3:16, it really means "he died for the elect". This is why adding to the word of God is dangerous. It makes God a liar and man a god.

The doctrine of irresistible grace taught that man cannot resist God's will in salvation. Once you are called to salvation, you will accept Him. You have no choice in the matter. You have no free will to resist His calling. The perseverance of the saints taught that because God called you to salvation and performed the work, you are eternally secured in that position. While we tend to agree with some his thoughts here, we do not agree with the previous tenant, irresistible grace.

There are two terms you need to familiarize yourself with in the Bible.

1. PREDESTINATION
2. ELECTION

Both of these terms are different doctrines in the Bible, but Calvinism teaches that they are one in the same. That is one of the reasons why Calvinists are so far gone off the beaten path in their theology. They do not define the terms correctly. Calvin taught that we are elected to go to Heaven or Hell by God's desires and plans. Because we are elected to go to Heaven to Hell, we are therefore predestined to go to either one of these places. These definitions are not at all Biblically accurate.

#### 1. THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF PREDESTINATION:

Predestination never has anything to do with our salvation in the Bible. Rather, those who are saved are predestined to be CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE. Let us take a look at one of the texts where Calvinists like to go in Romans 8:28-29, **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 ¶For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”**

First, we see in verse twenty eight that we are not called according to His purpose. We are THE CALLED according to His purpose. That changes the doctrine. If we were called according to His purpose then there might be a case for Calvinism. But that is not what the Bible says. We are THE CALLED according to His purpose. His purpose is clear, to call us out of darkness and into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). “The called according to His purpose” is defined as “them that love God”. In other words, God is letting us know that all things work together for good to those who are the saved.

**“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his**



**glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”--Ephesians 1:7-14.**

Again, we find that predestination has nothing to do with us getting saved. It has everything to do with what happens after we are saved. We are predestined to be to the praise of His glory. This is His purpose. He predestinated us to be conformed to the image of His Son, not to be saved or lost. There is not one instance in the Bible where predestination speaks of someone getting saved or remaining lost. It always has to do with our sanctification after we are saved.

Let us further look at Ephesians 1:5, **“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”** The adoption of children has nothing to do with our salvation. It has everything to do with OUR INHERITANCE. The use of the word adoption in those days was very different than today. A child that was born into a family could only receive the father’s inheritance if the family went through the adoption process. You could be born into a family and not be adopted. The adoption SECURED THE INHERITANCE. Without the adoption, your inheritance could be lost to you. Ephesians 1:11 says, **“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”**

**“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”--Acts 26:18.** In other words, born again believers would be adopted. Their inheritance was predestined and could not be lost. **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”--1 Peter 1:3-5.**

Calvin redefined what predestination meant based on his limited understanding of the Bible’s teaching of salvation by grace through faith. His understanding of salvation came from the corrupt tree of the Catholic church and of Martin Luther’s reformed theology, which for all the good he did, was still tainted by the stain of the Catholic church’s doctrines and traditions. Calvin defined predestination in such a way as to convince people that they were predestined to Heaven or Hell. This definition has led countless people astray from the right teachings of Scripture.

## 2. ELECTION

Election is another word that was horribly redefined by Calvin and the reformers. Calvin taught that God elected some people to be saved and others to be lost according to His foreknowledge and purpose for the ages. Again, Calvin was in a great position to tell someone whether or not they were elected by God depending on if they did or did not agree with His beliefs. This probably eased his conscience when Servetus burned at the stake for violating the blasphemy laws of his day. What is the right teaching about election?

There are three ELECTS mentioned in the Bible:

1. THE NATION OF ISRAEL, GOD'S ELECT NATION
2. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ELECT SAVIOR, HIS WAY OF SALVATION
3. THE ELECT PEOPLE OF GOD, THOSE WHO HAVE TRUSTED CHRIST AS SAVIOR

We will attempt to put these in context so that it would be easy to understand.

1. THE NATION OF ISRAEL, GOD'S ELECT NATION

**“For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.”**--Isaiah 45:4. The Lord chose the nation of Israel to be His elect people. They were called HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. That word chosen means “elect”. **“For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;”**--Deuteronomy 7:6-9.

It was God's plan to use the nation of Israel to bring the light of His word and holiness to the Earth, and to preserve the Word of God through accurate copies. The Nation of Israel would bring forth the Messiah, who would die for the sins of all mankind and set His kingdom upon the earth in the last days. The Lord worked through the nation of Israel by showing them miracles, giving them prophets, giving them the Word of God, and did things for them that no other nation would have in privilege (Nehemiah 9:7-15; Romans 3:1-2). This was God's privileged nation, His elect nation.

## 2. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ELECT SAVIOR, HIS WAY OF SALVATION

**“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”**--Isaiah 42:1. This verse is speaking about the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the ELECT of God. He is the Elect Savior. **“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.”**--1 Peter 2:6. Jesus Christ is the Chosen One to save all mankind by His death, burial and resurrection. God chose THE WAY OF SALVATION AND THE PERSON WHO WOULD DO THE SAVING, not the people who should accept Him as Savior. It is all about the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the elect Savior out of the elect nation of Israel.

## 3. THE ELECT PEOPLE OF GOD, THOSE WHO HAVE TRUSTED CHRIST AS SAVIOR

**“Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness,”**--Titus 1:1. Jesus' faith is the faith of God's elect. If you are IN CHRIST then you are also IN THE ELECT. You are chosen because you chose to trust Christ, the Chosen One. You are in the elect Savior and for it you are one of God's elect, one of His chosen. The emphasis is never on you, it is on Christ. **“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”**--1 Peter 2:9.

**“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:”**--2 Thessalonians 2:13. God did not choose us to salvation. He chose us to salvation THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT. In other words, we see THE WAY of our salvation is the subject of the choosing, not the people who would be saved. That is why it is so important to read the entire verse and to know what the subject is. Most people who read the Bible through the eyes of Calvin's teachings are usually caught up in them because they do not know how to break down an English sentence properly. They do not examine for themselves what the subject is. They simply believe the doctrine because some man told them it was true, and they did not truly examine it for themselves.

**“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.”**--Acts 17:11-12.

## Chapter Four

# Why Reformed Theology Does Not Work

Much of John Calvin's teachings can be read throughout his series of books called *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Some of what we are going to show you is found in his book. Calvin's Reformed theology does not work for several reasons:

1. Calvinism places the emphasis on who man is and how good he is, not who Christ is:

For Calvinism to work, it must place the emphasis on God choosing man, rather than man choosing God. It places the emphasis on man's abilities, and person instead of God's grace to all mankind. For example, someone might say that God chose him to go to Heaven. He therefore has something to boast about. Someone also might say that God chose them to go to Hell and so why attempt to call on the name of the Lord, and why repent? When you read the Bible verses, the proof texts Calvinists like to go to, you will find that they place the election and predestination on man, not Christ. By placing the emphasis on Christ, you will understand every verse they would try to use in its proper context. For example:

**“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”--1 Peter 1:1-2.**

A Calvinist would read 1 Peter 1:2 and stop at the very first part of the verse. They would say, “see we are elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.” However, the subject is not on the people of salvation in that verse. If you finish the verse, the subject is speaking about THE WAY OF SALVATION, or the SAVIOR Jesus Christ. God in His foreknowledge chose Jesus Christ to die for our sins. We are saved (elect) through Jesus Christ, by the Spirit's sanctification (separation), unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus, (His sacrifice for us). We are saved because of Jesus Christ. By placing the emphasis on the elect, we can come up with a doctrine that God chose us in His foreknowledge to be saved or lost. That is why we need to always place the emphasis on Christ and not man. Doing so will reconcile the fact that we have a choice in the matter of trusting Christ or rejecting Him. **“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”--Colossians 3:12.** Who is the elect of God? Jesus is the elect of God. Put on therefore, as Jesus, holy and beloved... In most places, if you take the word “elect” in the New Testament and substitute it for the word “Jesus (God's elect)”, it should fix your doctrine. Carefully examine each verse. Some verses speak about the nation of Israel. This leads us to our second point,

2. Calvinism does not always divide the Word of God into dispensations:

**“That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”--Ephesians 2:7.**

**“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:”--Ephesians 1:10.**

The Bible is naturally divided up into TIME PERIODS known as dispensations. This is a very large study, but to put it simply, we no longer live under the dispensation of the MOSAIC LAW, but under the dispensation of the GOSPEL OF CHRIST. Under the Mosaic law, the priests would have a Temple to sacrifice and atone for the sins of the people (READ: Hebrews 10), but as John the Baptist pointed out. **“...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”--John 1:29b.** We live in a dispensation called THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD (Luke 4:19). In fact, the verse Jesus quotes from is found in Isaiah 61:2, **“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;”** There are three dispensations mentioned in that verse. 1. The acceptable year of our Lord (before the rapture). 2. The day of vengeance of our God (After the Rapture, Armageddon, Isaiah 63:3-4). 3. To comfort all that mourn (The new Kingdom of Christ, Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-7).

**“And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”--Matthew 24:31.** One of the major problems with Calvinism is that it denies the different dispensations of the ages past and of those to come. In context, Matthew 24:31 is speaking of God’s elect nation, the saved Jews after the rapture has already happened. The Christian church is God’s elect people today to bring the light of the gospel to a lost and dying world. However, after the rapture, the Lord will restart His program in keeping with His covenant with the nation of Israel. The Lord will save His nation and bring in a new kingdom. This is in keeping with the covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To deny that Israel is still God’s elect nation is to not rightly divide the Word of Truth. **“And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.”--Matthew 8:11.**

**“And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.”--Isaiah 65:9.** This verse is speaking about potentially three people. This can be seen as the elect seed, which is Christ “shall inherit it” (Galatians 3:16). Second, the elect spoken of here could be the nation of Israel. Third we have “my servants”, which I believe includes everyone who is saved, especially the saved Jews (Revelation 1:5-6; Proverbs 2:21; Ezekiel 36:21-30; 37:21-28). In any case, there is clearly a difference between the elect nation of Israel yesterday before the church began, and tomorrow after the church is raptured. The church of Christ is “the elect lady” today (2 John 1:1). However, once we are gone, the elect nation of Israel will once again see the power of God.

### 3. Calvinism redefines words and meanings, giving false doctrines:

By changing the meaning of the words predestination and election, the reader or hearer is at an automatic disadvantage. It is easy to sway the simple by this. Those who do not take the time to study this out end up believing the false assumptions of other men.

### 4. Calvin's doctrines are deeply rooted in Catholicism, not Bible Christianity:

- Calvin believed in the Catholic Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (*Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 4, chapter 14*).
- He believed in Pedobaptism, and that it was the new circumcision (*Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 4 Chapter 16, Part A-B*)
- He believed in Ecclesiastical Hierarchy, not independent congregational authority (*Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 4, chapter 9*).

### 5. Calvin's teachings are rooted in erroneous thinking:

- He did not believe man has a free will to choose, God elects some to Heaven and some to Hell (*Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 2 Chapter 2, part A; and Book 3, chapter 21*)

In conclusion, Reformed Theology, which is today almost synonymous with Calvinism, does not work because it is a system of man made beliefs and false doctrines. It was a system of doctrines that were rooted in the Catholic church, not to change it, but to purify, or to reform it. This is why it is so popular with the Presbyterians. The Free Presbyterians are half Catholic and half Baptist. Charles Haddon Spurgeon is popular with them because he was a Baptist that embraced Calvinism. He made it very popular with the educated elite. Most Calvinist teachers teach using a lot of great swelling words, but you will have no idea what they said at the end of their teachings. They sound so educated because they produce great treatise on what they believe, but its all just words. One thing we should point out is that Calvin was a lost sinner. No man speaking by the Spirit of God could come up with those doctrines. **“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”**--1 Corinthians 2:12-16. There is no testimony I can find that points to a time where he chose to accept Christ as his savior. He did not believe in free will. He died believing he was God's elect because of his own false teachings and unhealthy ambitions to reform a corrupt church.

## Chapter Five

# How Reformed Theology Came to America

One of the things that is often overlooked is that John Calvin's writings had a profound influence on early settlers in America. Remember the time period and the location. John Calvin was in Geneva. He had influence in writing thousands of his notations in the Geneva Bible. The Geneva Bible with Calvin's notes became the default study Bible for the early pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower. Although the King James Bible had come out in 1611, and some of them may have had one in 1620 when they sailed, they had been using the Geneva Bible for quite some time. The puritans went to Holland. They had been driven away from England for fear of persecution, where the church of England had been established under King James. They were able to worship freely in Holland, although they had a hard time communicating and working. They sought a place of their own.

When the separatists (pilgrims) made their voyage, they came over from Plymouth, England. It took them sixty six long days to reach the new world. During that time they drew close to God in prayer and Bible study. It is no surprise that the Geneva Bible was the study bible for the early settlers. Consequently, it became the doctrine of the "educated" ministers and professors. Many of our founding fathers and constitutional framers were Calvinists who believed in divine providence. Reformed Theology had a profound impact on theology during those early days.

Consequently, you can still see traces of persecution toward Baptist ministers. The Lutherans and other protestant denominations did what their mother the Catholic church used to do to Baptists. They persecuted and killed them. Eventually in 1658, Rhode Island was established as a Baptist colony. Again, Baptists typically did not adhere to Reformed theology. The name "Baptist" was given to that group of believers by the Catholic church. Originally called "Ana-baptists" or "Re-baptizers", they were given that name as a derogatory statement. They would re-baptize new converts who had previously been baptized by the Catholic church as babies. This baptism came after a solid confession of faith in Christ. **"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."**--Acts 8:36-38.

John Calvin preached infant baptism, as well as many other Catholic heresies. Consequently, many of the protestant denominations that followed suit also believed these heresies. Calvinism came to America both by way of the 1591 Geneva Bible and in the name of "Education". We need to be careful about the notes we read in other people's Bibles. The Word of God should be studied carefully on its own. The Holy Spirit should be our teacher. Education and other people's opinions are good, but the Word of God should be what directs our lives.

## Chapter Six

### Another Jesus, Another Gospel

It has long been this author's belief that Calvinism preaches another Jesus and another gospel. **"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."**--Galatians 1:6-9.

The Jesus of Calvinism is not the Jesus of the Bible. The gospel of Calvinism is not the gospel of the Bible. Let us compare both:

<u><b>The Biblical Jesus and Gospel</b></u>	<u><b>The False Jesus of Calvinism</b></u>
All are called to come and be saved (Rev. 22:17)	Limited atonement, only the elect are called
God's desire is for all to be saved (2 Peter 3:9)	God's desire is for only some to be saved
Jesus died for all (John 3:16)	Jesus died for only the elect
We have freewill to call on Him (Psalms 119:108)	We have no freewill
Babies are innocent (Romans 9:11)	Babies have original sin and need to be baptized
Babies go to heaven (2 Samuel 12:22-23)	Babies can be denied heaven based on election

We believe it is clear that the Jesus and the gospel of Calvinism is not consistent with the Bible's teachings. We believe it is clear that if any man preaches a different Jesus or gospel, that man is lost and in his sins and needs to be saved. It is not this author's belief that John Calvin was a saved man. We believe he was a lost man, who was spiritually discerned. He could not correctly interpret the Scriptures because of his lost condition. He interpreted the Scriptures through the eyes of the Reformation and Catholic church, rather than from the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone who preaches another Jesus and another gospel is ACCURSED. That is, they are under the curse of the Law. Jesus has not yet freed them from that curse. **"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"**--Galatians 3:13. Paul said let them be accursed, let them be under the law. We trust in the plain and simple gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one that Jesus and the Apostles brought to us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Men who are accursed should not be telling us how to interpret the Bible. Some of those men may have gotten saved and caught up in the "education" of their day. However, God will straighten them out when they meet Him. John Calvin was a heretic in many respects. He is in Hell right now because the Devil blinded his eyes to the plain truth of Scripture.



## Chapter Seven

### Romans Chapter Nine

Sometimes a Calvinist will direct your attention to Romans chapter nine as one of their proof texts. At first glance, it would be hard to argue with anyone as it seems God does choose some people to be fitted for destruction. However, a closer look at the Scriptures will easily show that this is not the case.

#### Romans 9

**1 ¶I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,  
2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.  
3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:  
4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;  
5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.  
6 ¶Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.  
8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.  
9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.  
10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;  
11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)  
12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.  
13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.**

This portion of Romans chapter nine needs to be viewed from the stand point of God's election of Israel as a nation. God's foreknowledge knew that Jacob would end up being the son who inherited the blessings of God. God knew that Esau would sell out his birthright for some pottage. Esau did not value spiritual things, but Jacob did. Jacob fought hard in his life to receive the blessings of God. Esau was hated, that is, refused by God. Why? Because Esau hated God's blessings. This does not deal with their salvation. This deals with their earthly inheritances. If you confuse this text to mean salvation, then it would be easy to see why you could stumble at it. Esau could have been saved by the blood of the lamb, just like Jacob. That decision was a completely separate issue. The one had nothing to do with the other.

**14 ¶What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

This is also another issue. This deals with God's mercy and judgment on the national level. Remember who Pharaoh was. He was the king of Egypt. It was Egypt that was enslaving the nation of Israel. Pharaoh actually had a chance to repent and trust the Lord. He had several chances to do so, but chose to harden his own heart by way of the magicians (Exodus 7:11, 22). There came a point where God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that He could show His power not only to Pharaoh and the Egyptians, but also to the whole world and pave the way for the Israelites to cross over Jordan and conquer Canaan land (Exodus 14:4, 17; Joshua 2:9, 24). God judged Pharaoh and Egypt as a nation. This is how He works on national levels. He had mercy on Israel because they had been in heavy bondage for four hundred years (Exodus 1:14; Genesis 15:13; Exodus 3:7-9).

**19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?**

This does not speak of sovereign grace. This speaks of JEWS AND GENTILES. The Jews had long rejected the Lord's salvation on the national level. God then had the Apostle Paul turn to the Gentiles. (Read: Psalms 18:43; Romans 11:25).

**“Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.”--Acts 13:46. God hardened the hearts of the Jews on a national level, but individual Jews were getting saved. “And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.”--Galatians 2:9**

**“And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.”--Acts 10:45.**

25 ¶As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

30 ¶What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: **and whosoever believeth on him** shall not be ashamed.

Again, we see more examples of how God reached out to the Gentiles because the Jews rejected Him. However, anyone who calls on the Lord for salvation will be saved. **“Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.”**--Colossians 3:11.

**“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**--Romans 10:12-13.

A close examination of Romans chapter nine reveals to us that John Calvin’s teachings on sovereign grace and election on individual souls are completely false. By looking at these verses in their proper context, it is plain to see that while God works to judge nations and have mercy on other nations, yet individual hearts can freely turn to the Lord for salvation without fear of rejection. **“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”**--John 6:37-40.

If you have not yet trusted in Christ, then you have nothing to fear. Jesus will not cast you out. You are not chosen to go to Hell. Rather, you are called to accept Him as Savior.

## Chapter Eight

# Replacement Theology, British Israelism

One of the other heresies that has developed out of protestant denominations is the doctrine of REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY, and BRITISH ISRAELISM. Replacement Theology is sometimes synonymous with the term British Israelism. It states that the church of Jesus Christ has replaced Israel as God's people. It goes so far as to believe that Jews are not Jews until they trust in Christ. Although we are not told Calvin himself believed this, many covenant theologians have adopted it. the fact is, the church has not replaced Israel AS A NATION, but they have replaced them in their SYSTEM OF WORSHIP. The Jews still try to do good deeds and sacrifices to atone for their sins, but we look to the Lamb of God as our one and only sacrifice (John 1:29; Ephesians 2:8-10).

Israel is still God's chosen or elect nation. This is clear as you read through the book of Revelation. Once the church is gone (Revelation 4:1), you will find no mention of them until the end of the book when they come back with Christ. We the church are a chosen GENERATION, not a chosen NATION. Only the nation of Israel is left to fulfill the plan of God and bring in the new age. God still has to fulfill His covenant to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to have an age where DAVID would rule on the throne in the Temple, and Christ is King of kings, and Lord of all.

**“As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.”--Jeremiah 33:22**

**“And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.”--Ezekiel 37:21-24.**

It is clear that God is not done with His elect nation. Even now, we see prophetic events unfolding right before our very eyes that lead us to believe the church will be raptured soon. Once the church is raptured, then the Lord will begin to show His power again to His elect nation as you read it in the book of Revelation. Some protestants have taken to the idea that God is done with Israel and the church inherited all the covenant promises of Jacob in Christ. This is an extreme view based on some false interpretations of the Bible. What are some of the Bible verses used to justify this teaching?

**“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.”**--Romans 9:6-8. These verses taken out of their context could convince someone that the children of Israel (as pertaining to the flesh) are no longer “Israel”. However, when you read the entire text in Romans chapter nine, you get the entire story. It speaks of the nation of Israel coming through the line of Isaac and Jacob, not just Abraham. Remember, Abraham had two sons (Galatians 4:23). Only one of those sons received the promises of God. Ishmael did not receive the promises, Isaac did. Interestingly, Galatians 4:21-31 expounds on this, showing us that there was a picture of how our salvation was to be revealed. We inherit the promises of God through faith, not through the works of the flesh. We have all the promises of Christ because, like Abraham, we receive them through promise and faith. Those who are not born again are of the flesh, but those who are, are spirit (John 3:6). It emphasizes the necessity to be born again by faith in Christ. Are there any other verse used to justify replacement theology? Yes there are:

**“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.”**--Romans 2:28-29. Again, these verses taken out of their context by themselves may convince the reader or hearer that the Jews who were born of Jewish lineage are not really Jews any more, but those who accept Christ are the true Jews. Read the verses preceding this to understand the truth of what Paul was saying. Paul was making a comparison between those who seek to keep the law outwardly and those who keep the law by faith in their hearts. It is an argument of keeping the law of circumcision. There were those who purported that you could not be saved or be accepted into the church unless you were circumcised according to the law of Moses (READ: Galatians 2:1-9; Acts 15). Abraham gave the sign of circumcision, not Moses. Abraham represented faith toward God and Moses represented the Law. (Read: Revelation 2:9; 3:9).

The conversion of the Jewish people to Christ was not a special conversion. Circumcision played no spiritual role in salvation. It was a sign of identification of God’s chosen nation the Jews, but when it came to trusting in Jesus Christ, the uncircumcised were just as saved as the circumcised. **“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**--Galatians 3:28-29. We as Christians are heirs of the HEAVENLY kingdom, while the Jewish nation is the primary heir to the EARTHLY kingdom. Although we will rule and reign on Earth with Christ, we also have the inheritance in Heaven (Revelation 1:5-6; John 14:1-3; James 2:5; Romans 8:16-19; Ephesians 2:5-8). The church has not replaced Israel as a nation. God will still fulfill His covenant to them one day on earth, but a saved Jew can also inherit the heavenly blessings of Christ. Jews who die without Christ are lost and on their way to Hell, but one day Christ will reveal Himself to the nation of Israel and save them (Zechariah 12:9-14; Revelation 14).

## Chapter Nine

### The Good and Right Way

1. The Bible is very clear as to how to go to Heaven. There is something you must know first, and that is, God loves you.

**“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”--Jeremiah 31:3.**

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 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. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”--John 3:16-19.**

Notice in verse nineteen that the condemnation is not that God condemned you, but that men loved darkness rather than light. In other words, it is your choice. Love is a choice. God chose to love us, despite our many sins. He chose to die for our sins and He chooses to save all those who call upon His name. All He wants from you is to love Him back. **“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”--Romans 5:8.**

**“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”--John 15:13.**

**“We love him, because he first loved us.”--1 John 4:19.**

God does not hate you. The Calvinist might try to tell you that God hates you. Why? Because he “hated Esau” and like him, you are not in the elect and you are predestined to Hell. He might tell you that God chose to make you so that you would burn in hell forever, but the Bible tells you differently. It tells you that God loves you. It tells you that if you so desire to be saved, He will save you, and if you come to Him, He will not cast you out. Love is a choice. You can choose to accept the love that God has for you, or you can choose to reject that love. He loves you, and there is no reason for you to hate Him. But you must make that choice. When I proposed to my wife, she had a chance to say no. However, she chose to love me because I loved her. She chose to accept my invitation to spend the rest of my life with her. God extends the same invitation to you. He loves you. Will you say yes and love Him too? Will you spend the rest of eternity with Him?

2. You are eternally secure in Christ once you trust in Him.

**“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”--John 14:1-3.**

**“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”--Ephesians 1:11-14.**

**“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one.”--John 10:27-30.**

**“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”--Romans 8:32-39.**

3. Do not wait to trust Christ

**“(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”--2 Corinthians 6:2.**

**“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”--James 4:14.**

Are you saved? If not, you need to get that settled right now and ask Christ to save you.

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