

The 5 Points of Calvinism - Refuted

Scripture is: Revelation 22:17

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

Revelation 22:17 ¹⁷ **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.**

What I want to preach about this morning is on the subject of the false doctrine of Calvinism. This scripture that we have just read in Revelation 22:17, clearly goes against all that the Calvinists believe. This scripture clearly teaches that "**And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**"

1. So what does that mean?
2. It means that whosoever is willing, or whosoever wants to.....let him take the water of life freely.....This means that the water of life is available to all. We see here that the Lord is making one last final invitation to all men,.....he's making a last appeal to those who are lost....those who are not saved.....
3. He is appealing to the lost man to come.....and to come and take the water of life so that he can be saved.
4. So here we see it is their decision to be willing or unwilling to come so that they may have life?
5. There is no mention in this verse that it is God who chooses them to be saved.....no.....it is a call here from the Lord to the unsaved to come.....if he is willing to come.
6. That means the emphasis that God is placing here is for them to be either willing or unwilling to come to him for eternal life?
7. There are many places in the bible where God gives man a choice....for example in Deuteronomy where he says.....

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live:

- There is no doubt if you are making choices then you are exercising you free will.

I find that it is profitable for all of us **to preach against** this false doctrine of Calvinism, which is creeping more and more into the Independent fundamental Baptist churches. Well it's not going to creep into this church gathering.

So I want to encourage you strongly to **take notes this morning**, because the time will come when you will hear this doctrine and whilst it may seem harmless on the surface it is really very destructive to the Bible believer.

Even if you have a partial view on Calvinism it is still very destructive to your walk with the Lord, and therefore it is my intention to teach you this morning in which the bible will refute this false doctrine; and to show just how harmful it can be to your walk with the

Lord. The bible says that we are to study the scriptures to show ourselves approved unto God. Not unto man, No. But unto God. [2 Timothy 2:15](#) Study to shew thyself **approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

And the instruction to us from the bible is to rightly divide the word? So let us again use the bible to explain all that we need to know to discredit the 5 Points of the unbiblical doctrine of Calvinism.

I want to show you this morning just what Calvinism teaches, and then I am going to disprove all those points on which Calvinism is based.

- What I need to show you this morning first is what those 5 points of Calvinism are, and what they believe, and will show you how they misapply scripture to say what they want it to say, by using scripture totally out of its context.
- The 5 points that the Calvinists use makes up the word T-U-L-I-P.
- Each one of those letters represents just what they believe.

- 1. Total Depravity of man.**
- 2. Unconditional Election.**
- 3. Limited Atonement.**
- 4. Irresistible Grace.**
- 5. Perseverance of the Saints.**

From a casual look at Calvinism you would be tempted to agree with them on the 5 points of Calvinism, where they say that God does the election.

Well I want to prove to you this morning that all 5 points of Calvinism are false and unbiblical, and that those scriptures they use are misapplied to establish their doctrine. This doctrine was first preached by John Calvin himself in the 1500's during the period of Martin Luther and the reformation and then adopted after the reformation.

This is a doctrine that creeps into a lot of Independent Fundamental Baptist churches today; and it is a doctrine that the Presbyterians hold on to passionately and we need to disprove and contest this unscriptural doctrine with sound biblical scriptures not taken out of context.

So firstly.

1. Calvinism teaches that there is no choice involved in salvation. It is God who does the choosing, they do not believe that a person has the choice to believe or not to believe in God themselves. They believe that God has already made that choice for them in heaven, and it's not related to anything that they can do to save themselves.
2. They believe it's God who saves some and not others by his will not theirs.
3. Calvinism teaches that Jesus did not die for everyone, and salvation is not offered to just anyone, but that it is only for the elect, who God has foreordained or foreknew before the foundations of the earth to be predestined or to be saved.

The acronym that they use to teach this false doctrine as I said earlier spells the word TULIP. Calvinism has 5 main points that spell out their doctrine.

1. **Total Depravity of man.** (no choice)
2. **Unconditional Election.** (God elects)
3. **Limited Atonement.** (that's where they say that Jesus did not die for everyone)
4. **Irresistible Grace.** (you can't resist the Holy Spirit)
5. **Perseverance of the Saints.** (have to persevere to be saved)

These are the 5 foundational points of Calvinism and they are **all** false. And they are easily disproved by scripture.

1. Total Depravity –

1. It is the point that they believe that takes the choice out of salvation. It limits mans free will. Because they say man does not have a free will. Total depravity as they believe it is the condition that says that they are unable to make a choice or even turn to God...to even believe on the Lord Jesus, or to call upon His name, unless God does it for them. They believe that man is unable because he has no good thing in his flesh therefore he is unable to come to God to be saved. So therefore they say that God has to give them the faith to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what Calvinism teaches.
2. But the bible teaches that we have to turn to Jesus Christ, to have the faith and to turn to him and call upon his name. To come to him to take the water of life freely. Calvinism teaches the opposite - it removes the free will out of salvation.

John 5:39-40 ³⁹ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ⁴⁰ **And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.**

3. From that scripture we can clearly see that the bible teaches that the reason why they don't have eternal life is because they will not come. The will in that verse is clearly referring to their WILL. It is because of their will that they will not come to him. **It is not because of God.** But it is because of their own will that they won't come to him.

John 6:44 is a verse that the Calvinist will often want to use to prove their point of total depravity. Saying that man is unable to come to Christ on his own. This is the verse that they will use. Saying.....

John 6: ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day. ^{45A} It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God.

But they fail to continue to read the next verse, which says, that as it is written in the OT, they shall be taught of God, and when they have heard and learned of the Father, they come to him. (Isaiah 54:13). **It's in Response to Gods WORD THAT GOD DRAWS THEM BY HIS INVITATION.**

^{45b}Every man therefore that hath **heard, and hath learned** of the Father, **cometh unto me.**

- So this is a verse that the Calvinists will use to say... you see..... they cannot come to Christ....they cannot turn to Christ.....they cannot have salvation on their own.-Except the Father draw you. But they fail to carry on reading verse 45 which tells you that they are drawn by a response to His WORD.

Then look again with me at a verse that they don't like to quote because it goes against their doctrine in **John 12:32** ³² And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. ³³ This he said, signifying what death he should die.

- Does **all not mean all** in John 12:32. Of course it does. It's like saying heaven does not mean heaven and Hell does not mean hell and sin does not mean sin.
 - So how can all not mean ALL. It's a foolish argument to say that ALL does not mean ALL.
 - Another argument that the Calvinist will use to say that ALL does not mean all is in John 12:40. ⁴⁰ He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.
 - But we know that this scripture is taken from Isaiah 53, and Romans 1:23-32 **where the people are reprobate.** ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient;
4. Then also the Calvinists will use Ephesians 2:8 to say that man is unable to turn to God in faith. That God has to first give him the faith before he can turn to God in faith. So God chooses you then make you choose him. That's false.

Ephesians 2: ⁸ For by grace are ye **saved through faith**; and **that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** ⁹ **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

5. However, the Calvinists will say and tell you that the **gift of God** in this verse is faith. They will say that God is the one who gives you the faith in this verse by grace to be saved. This is not true because it is a failure to understand the grammar of what the verse is actually saying. Instead they have to twist the scripture to make it say faith or else their doctrine does not work.
6. It is impossible in Ephesians 2:8-9 for the gift of God to be talking about **faith as the gift**. Because **Not of works and not of yourselves are parallel words** both referring to salvation, It is to prove that you are saved. It is NOT referring to faith.
7. There are many scripture which describe salvation as the gift of God. As we see in John 4:10, and there are no scriptures that teach that faith is the gift of God.

John 4:10 ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and **he would have given thee living water.**

8. The living water that Jesus is referring to here is salvation. The gift of God is salvation, it is the living water Jesus spoke of. It's the same as when Romans 6:23 says.

Romans 6:23²³ For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

9. Again the gift of God is referring to eternal life. It's not speaking of faith like the Calvinists tell you. All throughout the bible the gift of God is **always** referring to salvation.
10. One of the other things that the Calvinists will say is that there is no mention of **free will in the bible**. But yes there is. It is mentioned more than 17 times in the bible.

2 Peter 3:9⁹ 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**.

- Why would God say that he would have all come to repentance if he did not really mean that ALL should come freely and drink of the living water?
- If it was up to God, then why would he have said that he would have all come to repentance. Would he not then just have all to be saved if there was no free will.
- Does that not prove that because God does not do that, but gives man a choice. **Who so ever will come, let him come?** (Rev 22:17)

Calvinists say that only God can choose who should come to him. This is false doctrine. It is our will that will cause us to come to God or to reject him which is the true way we come to God. The Second Point in Calvinism:-

2. Unconditional Election.-

1. Romans Chapter 9 is what they use to teach Unconditional Election.
2. So when the Calvinists talk about Romans 9 they are talking about being the elect. The elected people by God to salvation. Those that God chooses.
3. **But - There is a condition to being saved, it is not unconditional like they say**.
4. Romans 10:9 proves that there is a condition placed upon salvation. That if thou shalt confess. So it uses the word if as a condition for salvation.

Romans 10:⁹ That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**.

5. God does not just save you as the Calvinists teach that you have to be the elected for him to save you. **But the bible teaches that there is a condition to be saved**.
- Romans chapter 9 is the passage in scripture that the Calvinists use to teach unconditional election in regard to salvation. They say that God chose you before the foundation of the world, and there is nothing you can do to change it.

Romans 9:10-11¹⁰ 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. 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.

1. But let us look more closely at this passage, and when we do we will find that this passage is not speaking about salvation whatsoever.
2. But when you look at it at first glance you might come to the conclusion that it is speaking of salvation and that it does look like the Calvinists are right.
3. But that is because you reading it without investigating what it really is speaking about.
4. So when you looking at this passage, when the Calvinists quote it you might think of it as speaking about salvation because that is what they have said and have lead you to believe. So I can easily see why you might be taking their view into consideration. But I am here to tell you that they are wrong, and this passage is not speaking about salvation.
5. **By the way - They base their doctrine strongly on these verses to prove their case.** But they are misled.
6. If you have that misguided view in your mind as they told you that it is talking about salvation, then you might want to agree with them because it says before they were yet even born?

Let me prove it to you that this passage is not speaking about salvation, and in fact this passage is not even about the persons Jacob and Esau. It is speaking about the nations.

Let me prove it to you. Let's go back to the scriptures. Turn to Romans 9:10-11.

Romans 9:10-11 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.

Whenever the bible is quoting the OT, go and look it up, that way you will know what the scripture is speaking about. And that is the case here, there are two quotes given from the OT.

- **Verse 12 has quote.** – the elder shall serve the younger.....then
- **Verse 13 has another quote.** – as it is written Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated.
- Let's look up those two quotes in the OT, then Romans 9 will be crystal clear.

Let's turn to Genesis 25:22,...remember this is about Rebecca, she is pregnant with twins, she is pregnant with Jacob and Esau. And the children are in the womb, and have not done any good or evil at this point – right?

Genesis 25:²² And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

- So here we see Rebecca is pregnant with the twins Jacob and Esau, and they are struggling or fighting in her womb – in her stomach?
- So when Rebecca enquired of the LORD why am I thus? This is what the LORDS reply was to Rebecca. Verse 23.

Genesis 25:²³ And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

1. Let me ask you this: Is this saying that the elder child shall serve the younger child?
2. Look it's saying that **there are two nations** – and that the **elder child's nation**, shall **serve the younger child's nation?**
3. Because he says it twice. **There are two nations in thy womb**, and **two manner of peoples** shall be separated from thy bowels? **And the one people shall be stronger than the other people**. And the elder shall serve the younger.
4. It does not say that the one son is going to be stronger than the other son, it says the one nation shall be stronger than the other nation.
5. Just to prove to you that this is not talking about the children, all you have to do is read the book of Genesis.
6. Nowhere do we ever see that Esau is serving Jacob or being inferior to Jacob.
7. Nowhere do we ever see Esau serving Jacob. In fact the opposite is true. There is a time when Jacob is bowing down to Esau and giving gifts to Esau. But never do we see Esau serving Jacob.
8. So when God is telling us in this story that the elder shall serve the younger this never happened in these brother's lives, these children. That never happened in these brothers lifetime.
9. But what about these TWO NATIONS? –
10. What was Esau's name changed to - Edom.
11. What was Jacobs name changed to – Israel?

So what about the nations?

- Did Edom serve Israel – Yes they did.
- Was Edom weaker than Israel – Yes it was.

This prophecy came true about the Nations – about the people. It was not a prophecy about the children Esau and Jacob as children. But it was about the nations that would come from them.

- ❖ So now that we have looked at Romans 9:12 about the elder serving the younger.
- ❖ Let's now go to Malachi Chapter 1 and let look at the other quote which comes from Romans 9:13.

When we study Esau's life we know that he did many things wrong, but Esau did eventual do that which is right, such as when he restored his friendship with his brother Jacob later on in life.

- ❖ But look at Malachi 1 this is a chapter that the Calvinists love to use to further prove their heretical doctrine. But we know that they are wrong as I am going to prove to you from the bible.

Malachi 1: ² I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? **Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,**

³ And I hated Esau, **Whereas Edom saith,** We are impoverished (*destitute*), but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, **They shall build, but I will throw down;** and **they shall call them, The border of wickedness,** and, **The people against whom the LORD hath indignation (*righteous anger or fury*) for ever.**

When the Calvinists read verse 2, in opening they say; you see I told you that God hated Esau. But hang on a second, finish reading the whole verse what does it say. and **laid his mountains and his heritage waste** for the dragons of the wilderness.

1. **This is referring to the two Nations – Esau as a nation and Jacob as a nation.**
2. **Did God ever lay Esau the person foundation to waste. No. This did not happen to Esau in his life.** Because it was speaking about the Nation of Esau not Esau.
3. So how can it be talking about Esau the person, the child, the man?
4. It's talking about the nation Edom.
5. It's saying that God shall throw down their buildings, its God who will judge the nation Edom's wickedness.
6. It is Edom,- **The people against whom the LORD hath indignation (*righteous anger or fury*) for ever.**
7. God is angry with Edom. Not Esau because this did not even take place in Esau's life when he was alive.

- ❖ God did not hate Esau, but he hated the Nation of Esau; which was Edom.
- ❖ So who did God have indignation against? Was it the person Esau or was it the Nation of Esau which is Edom. God's indignation was against Edom. Not Esau.

1. So by looking up both quotations of Romans 9:12 and Roman 9:13, in both OT passages of Genesis 25:23 and Malachi 1; we can easily see that it was referring to the nations of the children and not to the individual children Jacob and Esau.
2. **So does this have anything to do with Jacob's personal salvation or Esau's personal salvation? No it does not.**
3. This passage of Romans 9 has nothing to do with personal salvation. This is not a passage to show who goes to heaven and who goes to hell. But if you go into this passage just assuming that it is then, I can see how you can come out a Calvinist. But when you actually look up the OT quotes, that theory then goes out of the window.

Go to Romans 8. – And I will explain unconditional election.

Romans 8 explains what is called predestination, and the Calvinists will say that God chooses a person to salvation, and that it's **unconditional election**, that we are predestined to be saved.

❖ But look at verse 29. **Which is the key to understanding this verse.**

Romans 8: 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. ³⁰ **Moreover whom he did predestinate**, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

❖ It does not say what the Calvinists say that it says. **It does not say he Chose.**

1. **Foreknowledge is not the same as choosing.**
2. Foreknowledge does not mean that you are controlling anything.
3. **It just means that you know or have knowledge of what is going to happen.**
4. Like watching a film that someone has already seen and they tell you what is going to happen next. That's foreknowledge, it is not the same as making a choice, or to choose what is going to happen. No it just means that you have the knowledge of what is going to happen.
5. It is the same with God; he foreknows what is going to happen. It does not mean that he choose us to salvation like the Calvinists try and make it out to say.

When God uses the word Pre-destined (*pre intended*), he always uses it in the sense of... to glory or be holy before him. It is never used in the sense to choose. He uses it to be holy or to be conformed to the image of his son. So the key to understand predestination is to understand the key of foreknowledge. Which is - God knows ahead of time who will be saved, but it does not mean that God chooses who is going to be saved. He just knows the outcome of our choice. That's what foreknowledge is.

3. **The Third point of Calvinism is: Limited Atonement. (L)**

1. This is a point which is so easily refuted and proven to be wrong from many straight forward scriptures. And I don't know how any Calvinist can defend this point at all. **This is the teaching that they teach that Jesus did not die for everybody or every person**. This is the most unscriptural doctrine of all.

1 Timothy 2:⁴ **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

2. There is no scriptural basis for the Calvinists to defend this point. Instead they will try and defend it with logic. Yet the bible teaches that Jesus died for every single person, and the Calvinists don't have any scripture to say that he didn't.

Here are scriptures that say that Jesus died for ALL.

1 Timothy 2:3³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; ⁴ **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

1. So it is God's will, to have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of truth. Look at verse 5 and 6. ⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; ⁶ Who **gave himself a ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.

All means All: 1 Timothy 4:10 ⁹ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. ¹⁰ For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, **because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.** ¹¹ **These things command and teach.**

- **ALL means ALL**, because that is what 1 Timothy 4:10 is saying. **ALL MEN**, just in case you thought it did not refer to the unsaved. He says it again, **specially of those that believe**. So it is to both groups, the saved and yet the unsaved.
- **However the Calvinists will say it's only for the elect.**
- Just to make sure Timothy says this again: **These things command and teach.**

Now go to Romans 5:18..... on the subject of "All means All"

What about Romans 5: ¹⁸ **Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.** ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience **many were made sinners**, so by the obedience of one shall **many be made righteous.**

What about ... **Titus 2:11** ¹¹ For **the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.**

- The Calvinists love to say that ALL does not mean ALL. Ok then look at Romans 5:18. Therefore it's just so ridiculous that they would believe all does not mean all especially as it is so clear in the scriptures.

Romans 5:18 ¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one **judgment came upon all men to condemnation;** **even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

1. So how is it that if man sinned and the bible says that **all** have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And in **Romans 5:12** ¹² Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon **all men, for that all have sinned;**
2. Then how is it that they won't believe all means all.
3. If they don't believe in all. Then therefore they saying that when man sinned not **ALL men sinned and came short of the glory of God.**
4. **Therefore the Calvinists say, Jesus' atonement for sin was not sufficient for all.**
5. **For a Calvinist;** in Romans 5:18, the first half of the verse **means all but the second half of the verse all does not mean all.** Why? Because they said so. Even though it is the **SAME** verse folks. They lie!
6. They rejecting what the scripture is teaching.

What about 1 John 2: ² And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, **but also for the sins of the whole world.**

What about Hebrews 2 ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he **by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**

1. **How can you then say that you are a bible believing Christian, and look at these verses and say that Jesus did not die for all?**
 2. You are a liar is what you are; and a false prophet is what you are.
 3. Because you don't believe the bible, you believe in the lies written by a man called John Calvin and follow his teaching and not the words of Jesus.
- Let me tell you that Jesus Christ tasted death for every man. I believe that!
 - **Anyone who does not believe it is rejecting the bible.** Let prove it again from 2 Peter 2 again where Jesus said he died for the unsaved.

You have to ask yourself this question about Calvinists when they teach what they teach and believe what they believe. Because look at 2 Peter 2:1. Because it is referring to people who don't want to believe what the bible is saying but rather have their own opinions formulated on what is not found in the bible.

Look at 2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

- Is this not talking to people who Jesus bought. Did he not pay for their sins also when he refers to them that the Lord "bought" them?
- He bought them even though they may not believe unto salvation to be saved. He still died for them.
- These are people who start denying the word of God.

4. **Irresistible Grace. (I) in Tulip.**

1. Acts 7:51. Where Steven says you do always resist the Holy Ghost.
 2. According to the Calvinist you can't resist the Holy Ghost.
 3. They teach that once God chooses you for salvation there is nothing you can do. You cannot stop it, you are saved. You are chosen they say. The elect.
1. They teach irresistible grace and they get this doctrine from Romans 9:19 where they base their doctrine on a question. **Doctrine must be based on a statement, and never on a question.** So here in Romans 9 they are basing their belief on a question by someone.
 2. In verse 19 the person is asking the question but yet it is the same person who is asking this question **that is rebuked in verse 20**, which is the very next verse. 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?

1. The person in Romans 9:20 is rebuked for asking that question. It's not doctrine, yet the Calvinists will base their doctrine on that question? Which is not even a statement, but for a question for which he is rebuked by God.

Lastly let's consider their 5th point which is P for Perseverance. Also unscriptural.

5. **Perseverance of the saints (P)** – turn to Matt 24:13.

Mathew 24:13. ¹³ **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

- This verse is not talking about salvation of the soul at all. Let me prove it.

Matthew 24:22 And **except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

1. When the Calvinists use Matthew 24:13 This is again a misapplied verse.
2. They say you see unless you endure till the end you shall not be saved.
3. But this verse is speaking about those that will be saved when the time is cut short during the tribulation. This verse is not talking about your soul which is being saved but you flesh being saved. He is talking about those people during the tribulation; he is referring to **“you will be saved by the rapture when Jesus comes in the clouds.”** A physical saving of people from the antichrist killing them because of their faith.
4. If the days of the tribulation were not shortened then no flesh would be saved.
5. But because it is cut short by Christ coming in the clouds at the rapture they will be saved from physically being killed or put to death. It's not talking about **persevering in the faith to be saved.** It's not talking about losing your salvation.
6. It's about those going through the tribulation when Jesus comes in the clouds. So no, the Calvinists have it all wrong again.
7. **We believe in the security of the believer. You cannot lose your salvation.**
 - a) Calvinists believe you have to endure to the end to be saved. And if they don't endure, then they believe that you were never saved to begin with.
 - b) No, if you believe the true gospel of Jesus Christ and you believe what he has offered in his word for salvation, then you are always saved. Forever.
 - c) But if you believe in a false gospel that is not the gospel of Jesus then you cannot be saved to begin with. What the Calvinists teach is not the gospel. Its heresy.

Calvinism does not lead to salvation.

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