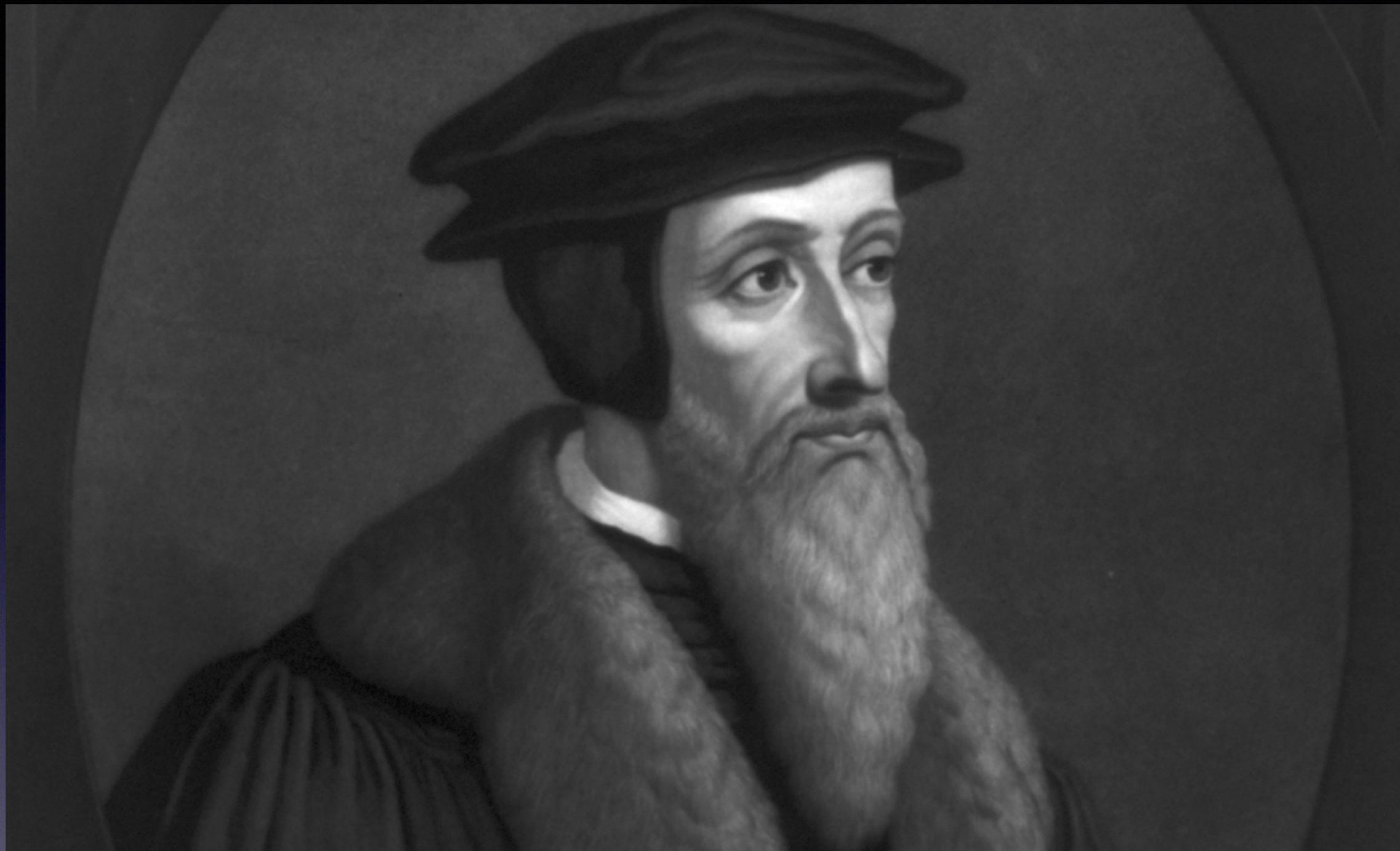


# Calvinism

What is it?



# John Calvin

1509-1564

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# Five Points of Calvinism

## Total Depravity

- St. Augustine (354 – 430)
  - Original Sin
- Every person enslaved to the service of sin
- “Total depravity”: every part the person is affected
- “Total inability” to choose to follow God

# Total Depravity

- Total Depravity is a concept that everyone including the “elect” and the “non-elect” are incapable of choosing God because they are sinful.
- Some have strong opinions that “Arminians” who reject this belief are ignoring Romans 3:10-11.

Romans 3:10-11 (NKJV  
Strong's,)

10 As it is written: "There is  
none righteous, no, not one; 11  
There is none who  
understands; There is none  
who seeks after God.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV  
Strong's,)

9 “The heart is deceitful  
above all things, And  
desperately wicked; Who  
can know it?

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# Unconditional Election

Before God created anything He chose Christians to be His people, "The Elect".

-Not that He looked into the future but God just did what He did because He chose it.



“Before you were born or had  
done anything good or bad  
God decided whether  
to save you or not.”

-John Piper



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## 2. Unconditional election (Predestination)

- If you believed the "T" of TULIP, **LOGIC** determines that **you must accept the "U"**:
  - If man is unable to repent and believe the Gospel, then it follows that God must choose some for Heaven (*and send the rest to Hell*).
- Calvinism teaches that **everything that happens was planned by God** and nothing can be done to change it.

# Unconditional Election

Romans 9:11-13 (NKJV Strong's,)

11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “***Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.***”

# The Golden Chain of Redemption

Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV Strong's,)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

# Pharaoh

Romans 9:14-18 (NKJV Strong's,)

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

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# Limited Atonement

CHRIST'S REDEEMING WORK WAS INTENDED TO SAVE THE ELECT ONLY, AND ACTUALLY SECURED SALVATION FOR THEM.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

**The good shephard lays down his life for the sheep.**

**John 10:11**

FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, AND GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.

MARK 10:45

# Limited Atonement

- The work of the “cross” was “limited” to the “Elect”.
- Jesus did not die for the whole world.
- He only paid for the sins of Christians (the Elect) and not for the “whole World).

Matthew 26:28 (NKJV  
Strong's,)

28 For this is My blood of  
the new covenant, which  
is shed **for many** for the  
remission of sins.

John 17:9 (NKJV Strong's,)

9 “I pray for them. I do not  
pray for the world but for  
those whom You have given  
Me, for they are Yours.

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Irresistible  
Grace

# Irresistible Grace

- The moment of salvation.
- God “calls” and “overwhelms” the sinner and he cannot resist.
- God, “makes him an offer he cannot refuse.”.

# Irresistible Grace

- Under “Irresistible Grace” one cannot say “no” because it is God work.
- Romans 9:16, So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.
- The individual is “dead in their sins” so they can’t respond to God (no capacity).



## -4. Irresistible grace

- The elected is saved and taken them Heaven regardless of they like it or not ?
- *Or does man has a free will ?*
- John 15:6-7 “*If anyone does not remain in me*, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. *If you remain in me* and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”
  - *Does this sound like God forces His will on man ?*

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# Perseverance of the Saints

- This is the “evidence of Salvation.
- If you are truly “saved” God will keep you close.
- Only the “truly saved” will continue with God.

# Perseverance of the Saints

Philippians 1:6 (NKJV  
Strong's,)

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

John 10:27-30 (NKJV Strong's,)

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one.”

## John 6:37-39 (NKJV Strong's,)

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

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**NEXT WEEK**

Arminianism



## **5 Points of Arminianism**

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- 2. Conditional Election**
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- 4. Resistible Grace**
- 5. Perseverance of  
Some Saints**

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