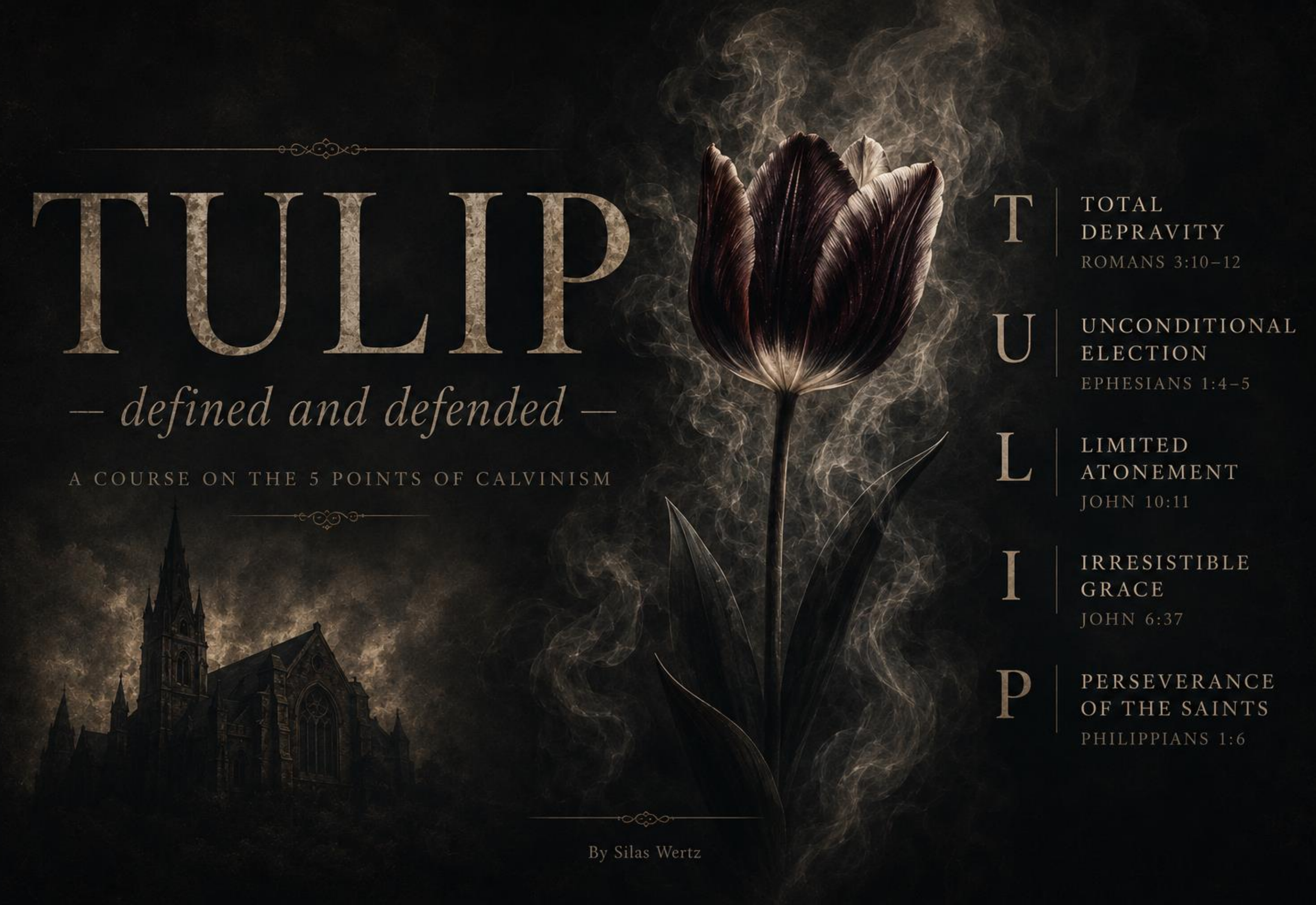




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By Silas Wertz

Overview:

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Review



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Question 1

- What historical document formally codified the Five Points of Calvinism?
- At which synod was this document adopted and ratified?



Answer:

- The Canons of Dordt
- The Synod of Dordt



Question 2

- What is the difference between conditional and unconditional election?



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Answer:

- **Conditional Election**: God's electing grace is conditioned upon the decision of man. This view asserts that we are ultimately the ones who elect God, and then foreseeing our decision, He elects us in response.
- **Unconditional Election**: Unconditional election states that God does not subject His will and grace in election to the will of man. In this view, election does not rest upon the works of men, but instead, God's mercy. God doesn't elect men because of them, but in spite of them.



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Question 3

- What is one verse that supports Limited Atonement?



Answer

- Ephesians 5:25, John 10:11, etc.



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Question 4

- Who were the two major opponents in the debate over grace and free will during the early church?



Answer

- Augustine & Pelagius



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Lesson 06: Irresistible Grace



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Definition

- “The Holy Spirit never fails to call, regenerate, and save those whom the Father has elected and Christ has redeemed.” – Joel Beeke



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What Irresistible Grace Doesn't Mean

- Irresistible Grace does not mean that we cannot resist the call of the gospel.
- Total Depravity teaches we are born in a state of resistance to the gospel.



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What Irresistible Grace Does Mean

- Man is not more powerful than God.
- If God has set out to save someone,
He will accomplish what He has
intended.



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God Cannot Fail

- “Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’ – Isaiah 46:9-10



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The General vs Effectual Call

- General Call: The outward, external gospel call to everyone who hears the message.
- Effectual Call: The special, specific inward call to the elect.



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The General Call

- Accomplished by man.
- Goes to all who hear the outward gospel call.
- Will be rejected by all who hear.



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The Effectual Call

- Accomplished by God.
- Goes to the elect (upon hearing the general call)
- Cannot be rejected.



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John 10:3 / John 11:43

- “To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” — John 10:3
- “When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” — John 11:43



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John 10:3 / John 11:43

- When the goats hear the gospel call, they hear foolishness.
- When the sheep hear the gospel call, they hear their name.



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How the Effectual Call Happens

- God accomplishes the effectual call through the general call.



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1 Corinthians 2:15-16

- “we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?”



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Question

- A crowd of 50 unbelievers hear the gospel presented. 20 repent, the others reject.
- What caused 20 to accept and not reject the call like the others?



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Regeneration Precedes Faith

- When God irresistibly and effectually calls a sinner to Himself, he regenerates him. (John 10:3 & John 11:43)
- Before man can exercise faith and believe, he must be brought from spiritual death to spiritual life.



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John 1:12-13

- “But to all who did receive him,
who believed in his name, he
gave the right to become children of
God, who were born, not of blood
nor of the will of the flesh nor of the
will of man, **but of God.**” – John
1:12-13



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2 Corinthians 5:17

- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- A new creation has new desires and affections.



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John 6:44

- “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.” —
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Romans 8:30

- “And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” – Romans 8:30



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Acts 2:39

- “For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” – Acts 2:39



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2 Corinthians 4:4-6

- “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus ' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:4-6



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Acts 16:14

- “One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.”

— Acts 16:14



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Psalm 3:8

- “Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!” – Psalm 3:8



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Jeremiah 13:23

- “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.” – Jeremiah 13:23



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A Toothache and a Soul

- “A man's free will cannot cure him even of the toothache, or a sore finger; and yet he madly thinks it is in its power to cure his soul.” —

Augustus Toplady



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The “I” in Tulip

- Irresistible Grace:
- Conquers Total Depravity
- Affirms Unconditional Election
- Applies Limited Atonement
- Secures Perseverance of the Saints



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