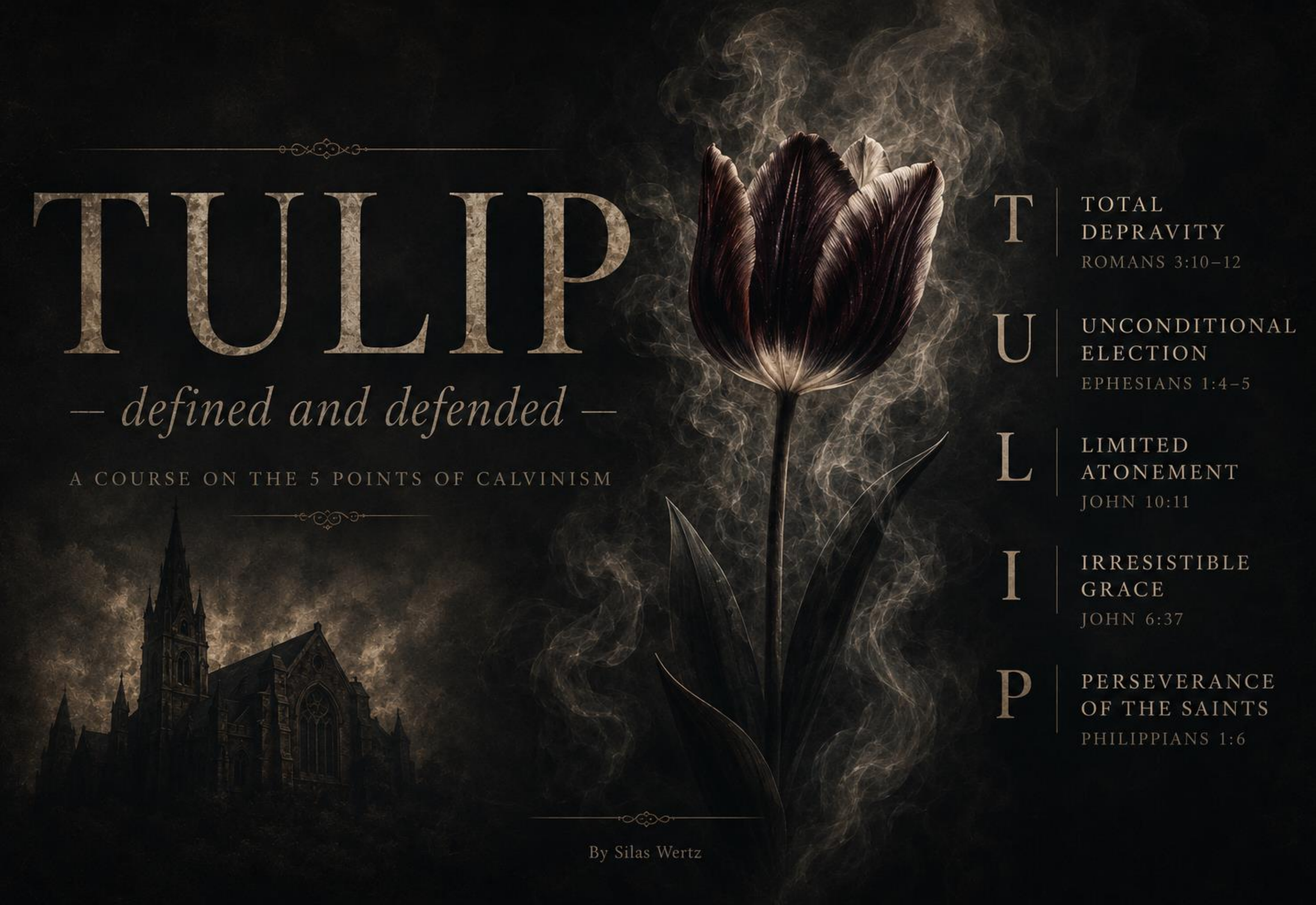




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EPHESIANS 1:4–5

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JOHN 6:37

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By Silas Wertz

Overview:

- Lesson 01: What is Calvinism? - Introduction/History
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We must know the Context

- There isn't a passage in the Bible that refutes Calvinism.
- Therefore, the only way for people to use Scripture to support their objections is to take verses out of context.
- This means we must know the context if we want to refute their claims.



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We must know the Context

- There are two main results of ignoring the context of a passage/verse:
 1. Ignoring the context can lead to a completely wrong interpretation of the passage.
 2. Ignoring the context can also leave the depth of the passage wanting.



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We must know our Bibles

- We base our lives on Scripture.
- We should know what Scripture says.



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We must Read Carefully

- Many passages used to object to Calvinism can be refuted simply by slowly reading and carefully examining the words.



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Passages:

- 2 Peter 3:9
- 1 Timothy 2:4
- 1 John 2:2
- 1 Timothy 4:10
- Acts 7:51
- Matthew 23:37



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2 Peter 3:9

- “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”



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2 Peter 3

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:9

- What is the context of the book?
- What is the context of the passage?



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Context

- Peter penned 2 Peter from Rome to early Christian churches in Asia Minor.
- Warning against false teachers rising up within the Church.
- The false teachers denied the return of Christ.



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2 Peter 3:1-4

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2 Peter 3:11-13

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1 Timothy 2:3-4

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First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

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1 John 2:2

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”



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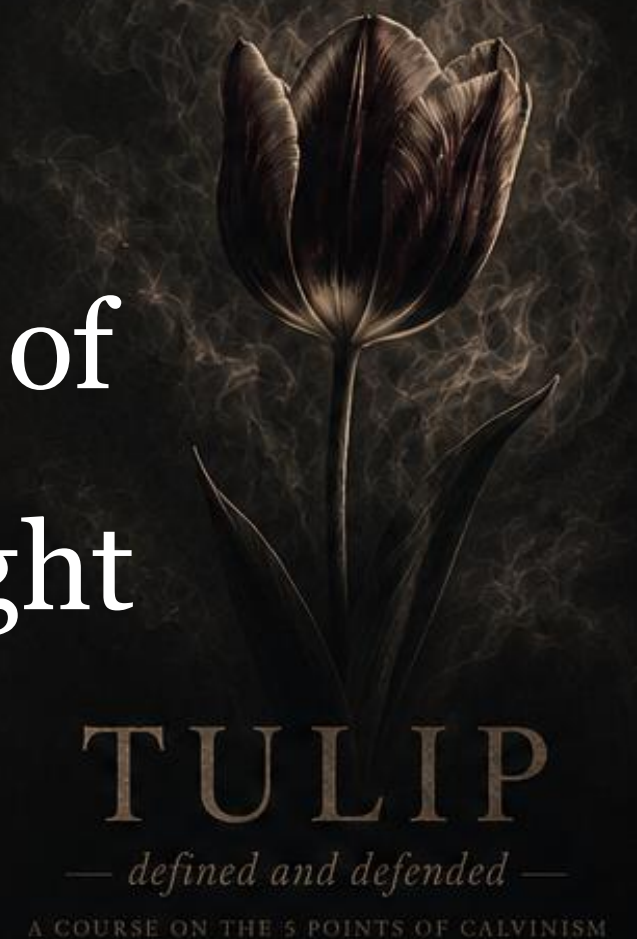
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Authorial Context

“This refers to looking at all of a person's writings - John's writings, Paul's writings, Luke's writings, etc. When we look elsewhere in John's writings we notice in his Gospel an exact parallel in John's use of words, which gives us a great deal of insight as to what he (John) was referring to.” -

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John 11:51-52

”He prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.”



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Matthew 27:13

- “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.”



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Matthew 27:13

- This desire was repeatedly frustrated not by the free will of the ones He sought to gather, but by the leaders' opposition.
- The text does not depict God attempting to save individuals who then successfully resist His sovereign saving purpose. It is not a statement about the frustration of the decree of election or particular redemption.
- This text is a condemnation of false teachers.



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Acts 18:24

“Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, arrived at Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.”



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2 Timothy 3:15-17

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”



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1 Peter 3:15

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”



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