

INTRO TO
CALVINISM

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WHO WAS JOHN CALVIN?

- **1509-1564**
- **Desired to live a quiet life in Germany, reluctantly ended up serving and leading in Geneva Switzerland.**
- **Most significant work is “The Institutes Of The Christian Religion”.**



CHARLES SPURGEON

“propounded truth more clearly than any other man that ever breathed, knew more of Scripture, and explained it more clearly.”



WHAT IS CALVINISM?

Calvinism is a theological exposition of Scripture's teaching about salvation which confesses God's absolute freedom, total sovereignty, and ultimate glory in the redemption of men.



THE SYNOD OF DORT, 1618

- **Dordrecht, Holland**
- **86 voting members (39 pastors, 18 ruling elders from Belgic churches 5 professors from Holland, 19 delegates from Germany & Switzerland, 5 professors and bishops from Great Britian.**
- **Gathered to consider the 5 points of the Remonstrants.**
- **154 sessions, 1 year.**

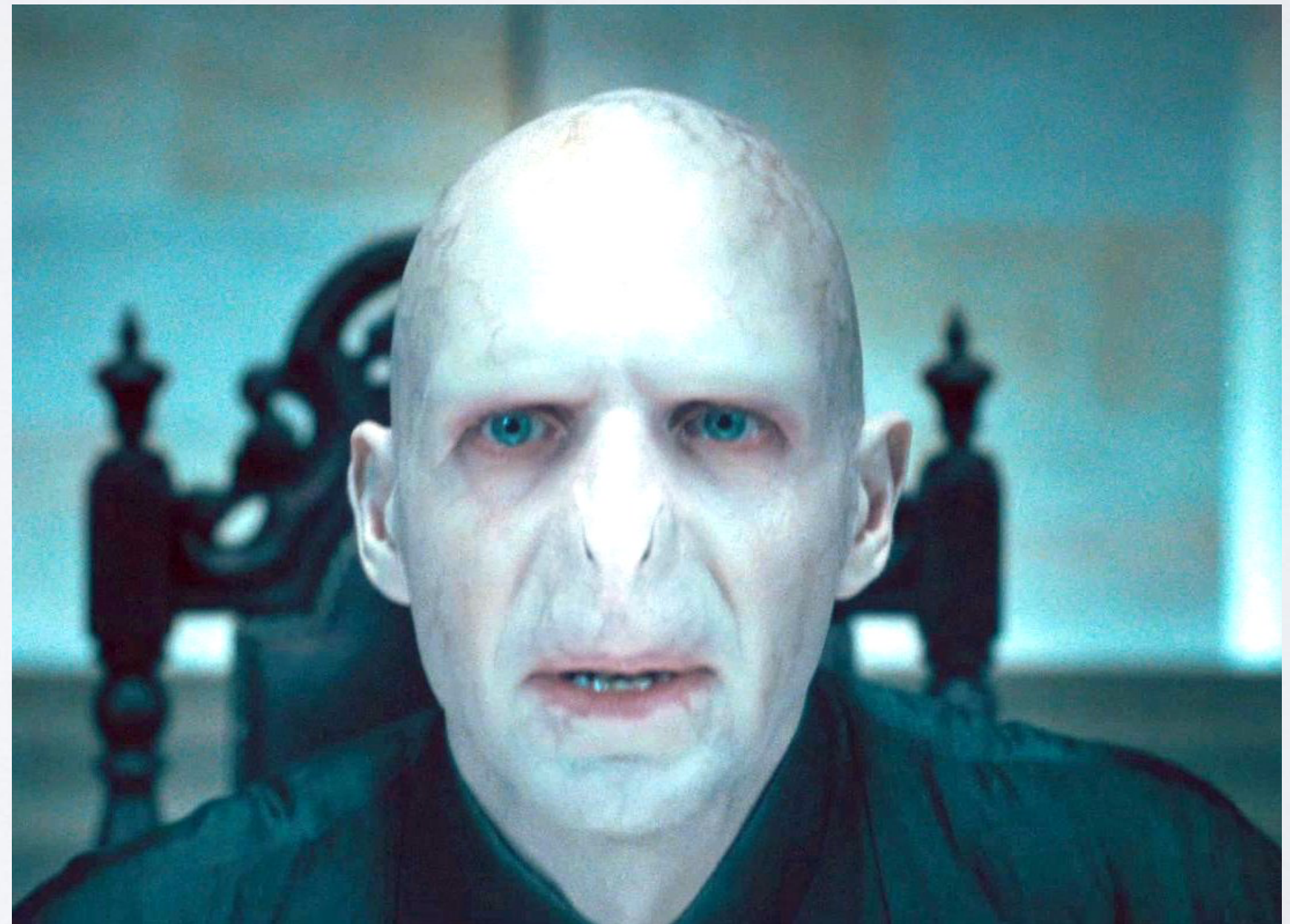
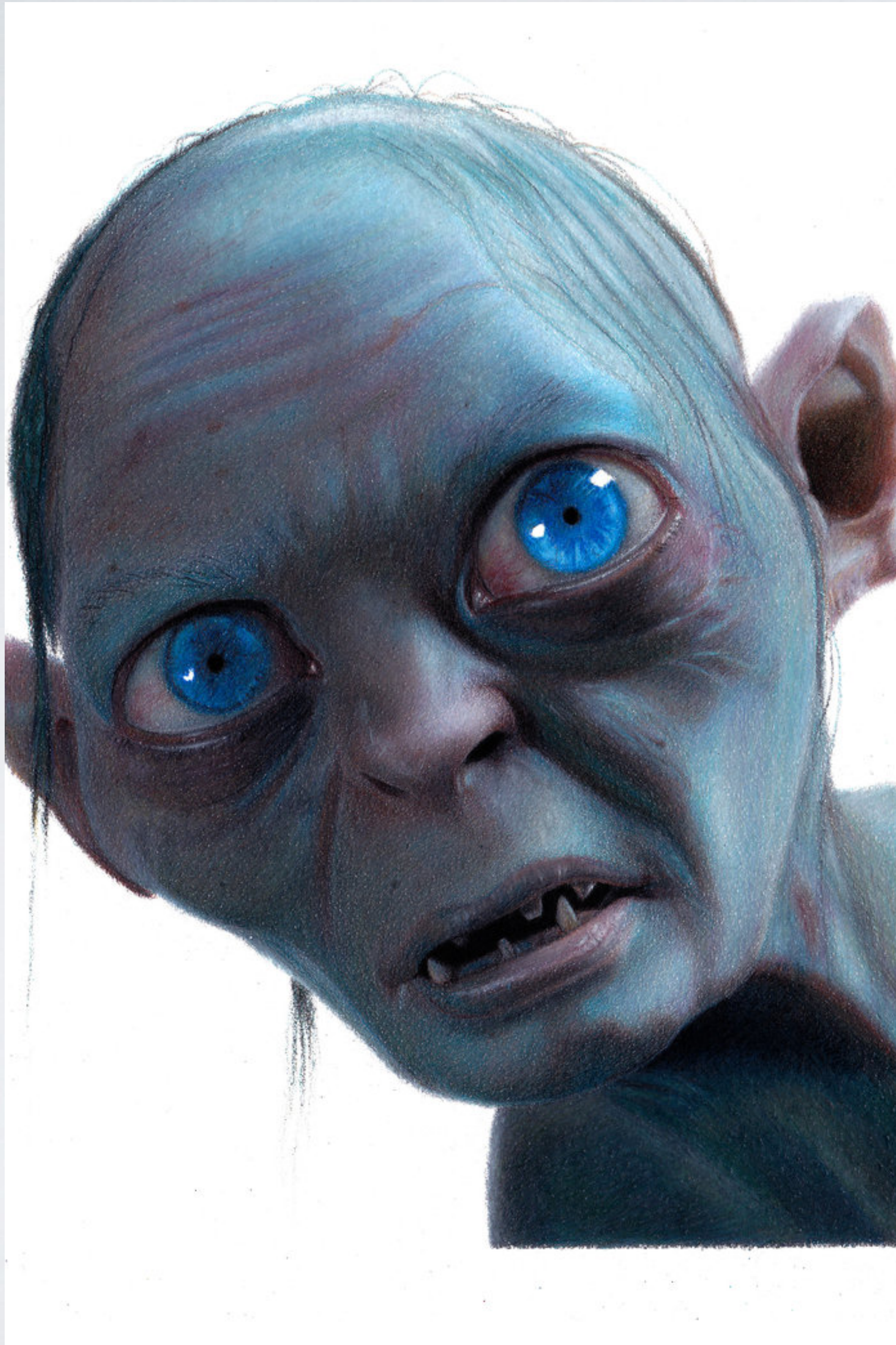


THE 5 POINTS OF THE REMONSTRANTS.

- **1: God elects on the basis of foreseen faith.**
- **2: Christ died for everybody, but only those who believe are saved.**
- **3: Man in his sin requires the assistance of grace to believe or obey.**
- **4: This grace may be resisted.**
- **5: Final salvation is uncertain.**

THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM (T.U.L.I.P.)

- **1: Total Depravity/Total Inability.**
- **2: Unconditional Election.**
- **3: Limited Atonement/Particular Atonement.**
- **4: Irresistible Grace/Effectual Calling.**
- **5: Perseverance of the Saints.**



“Man was originally formed after the image of God. His understanding was adorned with a true and saving knowledge of his Creator, and of spiritual things; his heart and will were upright, all his affections pure, and the whole man was holy.”

-The Canons of the Synod of Dort

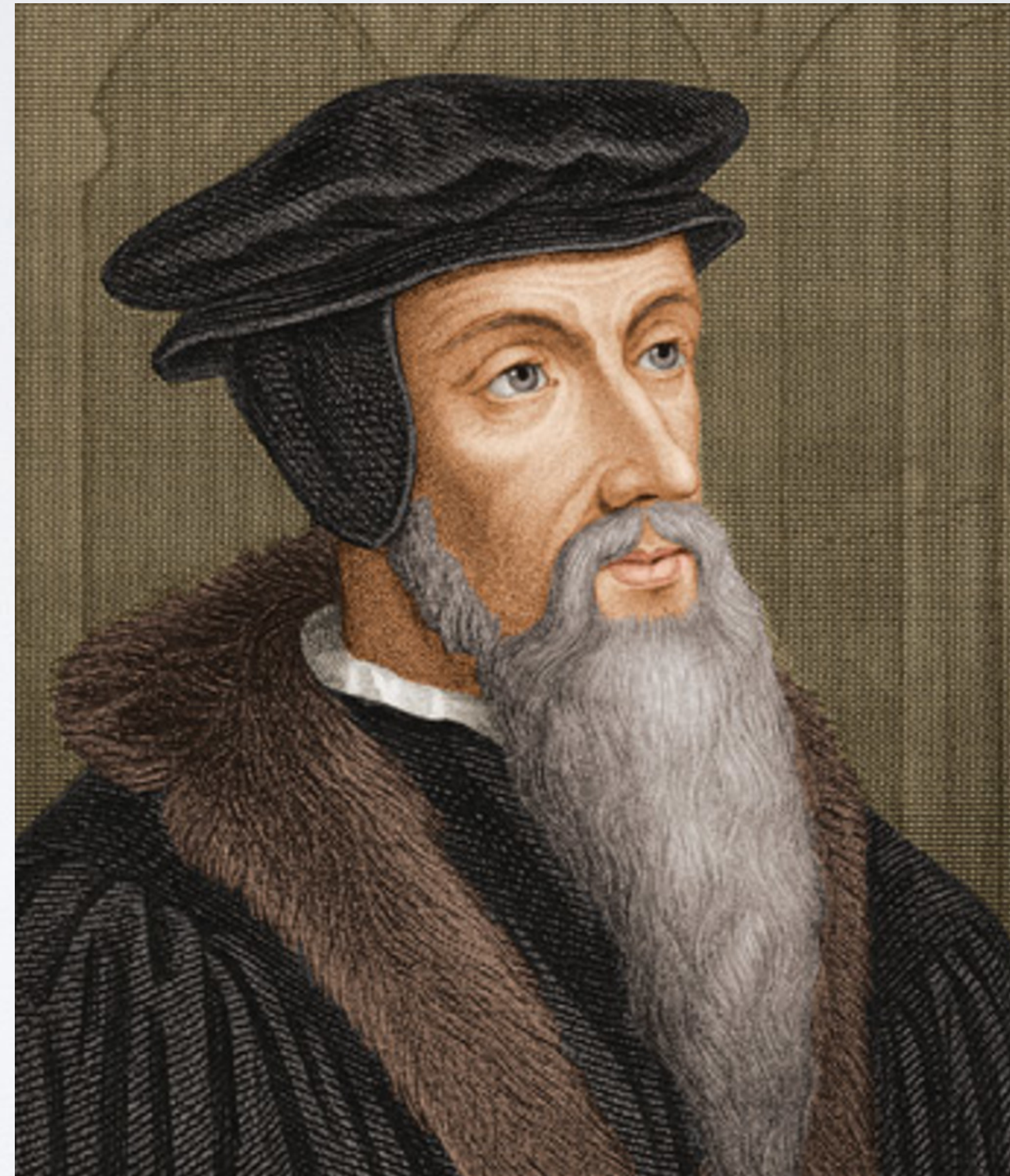
“The adjective “total” does not mean that each sinner is as totally or completely corrupt in his actions and thoughts as it is possible for him to be. Instead, the word “total” is used to indicate that the *whole* of man’s being has been affected by sin. The corruption extends to *every part* of man, his body and soul; sin has affected all (the totality) of man’s faculties-his mind, his will, etc...

As a result of this inborn corruption, the natural man is totally unable to do anything spiritually good; thus Calvinists speak of man's "total inability." The inability intended by this terminology is *spiritual inability*; it means that the sinner is so spiritually bankrupt that *he can do nothing pertaining to his salvation.*"

Steele, Thomas, Quinn

JOHN CALVIN

“For no matter how much we may flourish, no matter how splendid we may appear before men, and no matter how much we possess to invite the esteem of men, yet we are only wretched putrefying flesh. There is nothing but rottenness and infection in us.”



N.T. WRIGHT

“We live in a world where human beings, left to themselves, not only choose the wrong direction, but remain cheerfully confident that it is in fact the right one.”



“..the whole person is created in God’s image and in that same wholeness is fallen...Humanity is therefore not as bad as it could possibly be, but as badly off as it could possibly be.”

Michael Horton

“We do not become sinners by committing specific acts. We commit specific acts of sin because we are sinners. In short, my problem is not the isolated actions that I see as aberrations from what I really am. I am deceiving myself if I think that way. These actions are not aberrations but revelations of what is in my heart.

–Sinclair Ferguson

ROMANS 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned-- 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

ROMANS 5:12-19

17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

WHAT IS THE COVENANT OF WORKS?

In Eden, before the fall, Adam existed in a covenant of works, meaning that his position with God was based on his “works” or performance. Obedience would lead to life, while disobedience would lead to death.

Simply put, federalism has to do with representation, with one person acting on behalf of another.

-Ligonier Ministries

FEDERAL HEADSHIP MEANS

- **In Eden, Adam acted as our fitting and capable representative.**
- **Adam's sin and guilt was imputed to us.**



- **Death came into the world through one man.**
- **Death spread to all men because all sinned.**
- **Many died through one man's trespass.**
- **One trespass lead to condemnation for all men.**
- **For as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners.**
- **The result of Adam's sin is death has come to all people.**

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE
EXPLICITLY TEACH REGARDING
SIN AND THE NATURE OF MAN?

GENESIS 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

GENESIS 8:21

...the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth.

ECCLESIASTES 9:3

...the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live...

PROVERBS 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

JEREMIAH 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

PSALM 51:5

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

JOHN 3:19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

JOHN 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

JOHN 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

ROMANS 3:10-18

...as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; I I no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." 13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." 14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

ROMANS 8:7

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

CONCLUSION?

- **The natural heart of man is desperately wicked.**
- **The natural heart of man is deeply committed to self.**
- **The natural heart of man is deeply opposed to God.**
- **The natural heart of man is dead in sin and incapable of desiring God.**

DOXOLOGY & DISCIPLESHIP

Q: What questions do you have about total depravity?

Q: How can the doctrine of Total Depravity lead us to worship God?

Q: How does the doctrine of Total Depravity affect our discipleship?

