

## **Introduction to the Doctrines of Grace**

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### **Opening questions**

1. Why did you decide to be born?
2. Why did you choose the parents you chose?
3. Why did you choose the part of the world you were born in? The country? The city?
4. Why did you choose your extended family?
5. Why did you choose your neighbors?
6. Why did you choose to have your parents teach you what they taught you? Or didn't teach you?
7. Why did you choose the schools in which you were educated?
8. Why did you choose to have parents who were Christians? Or Buddhists? Or Athiests?
9. Why did you choose the church you attended growing up? Or why did you choose not to attend church?
10. Why did you decide to move to other houses, or cities, or countries during your youth?
11. Do you believe that your answers to these questions affect your decision making today?
12. Are you responsible for your actions?

### **What Calvinists Believe**

#### **Coming to Christ:**

1. Whosoever will may come
2. We make a conscious, willing decision to follow Christ

#### **Christ's Death:**

1. Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world

#### **Evangelism:**

1. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.
2. The gospel is to be given to all men freely.

#### **Repentance and Faith:**

1. Unless we repent, we will all likewise perish.
2. Whoever does not believe will be condemned.

#### **Man's Responsibility:**

1. Man is responsible for his sins
2. Mans' decisions affect the outcome of events
3. We are not robots
4. Man can and does resist the Holy Spirit

#### **God:**

1. God is love.
2. God loves everyone.

## **What Else Do Calvinists Believe?**

### **Coming to Christ:**

1. Not everyone comes (John 3:18-20)
2. The answer to why some come and some don't lies with God, not man.

### **Christ's Death:**

1. Jesus loved the church and gave himself for her. (Eph 5:25)
2. Jesus lays down his life for his sheep. (John 10:15)
3. By his blood, he purchased a people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation. (Rev 5:9)
4. He was named Jesus, because he saved his people from their sins. (Matt 1:21)
5. Scripture does not use the term "world" or even "whole world" exclusively to mean all people without exception. (John 12:19, 1 John 5:19, Col 1:6, Rev 12:9)

### **Evangelism:**

1. Only some who hear the gospel will believe. (John 3:18-20)
2. There are those who never hear the gospel, but have no excuse. (Rom 1:19-20)
3. There is only one name under heaven by which man must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

### **Repentance and Faith:**

1. The answer to why some have faith and repent and some don't lies with God, not man.
2. There are those who never hear the gospel, but have no excuse. (Rom 1:19-20)

### **Man's Responsibility:**

1. Man cannot keep the law on his own. (Rom 3:23, Gal 3:10)
2. Natural man does not accept the things of God, for they are spiritually discerned. (1 Co 2:14)
3. Apart from a work of God, man is a slave to sin. Rom 6:7-8: Rom 8:7-8)
4. There are those who never hear the gospel, but have no excuse. (Rom 1:19-20)

### **God:**

1. He is sovereign over His creation – He is the Potter. We are the clay. (Isa 64:8, Rom 9:21)
2. We are in no position to question his decisions. (Dan 4:35, Rom 9:20)
3. He is jealous. (Deut 5:7-9)
4. He is wrathful. (2 Chron 34:21, Rom 2:5)
5. He is just (Deut 32:3-4, Psalm 96:10, Acts 17:30-31)
6. He does not love everyone the same. (Psalms 5:5, Mal 1:2-3, Rom 9:13)
7. He throws unbelievers into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:15)