

<u>Infused Doctrines Of Grace (IDOGS)</u> aka Calvinism aka Roman Catholicism ... to be referred hereafter as **IDOGS** ... is the **Religion of Human Nature**.

To quote the popular jingle "They're all in this together!" Dear Reader, you will notice the time progression of increased 'respectability' of various wigs, hats and lipsticks as follows:

The **IDOGS** theology is based on classic **Greek logic** – the best that humanity can muster, which was then adopted by the **Roman Catholic Augustine** ... who had a secret bastard child, kept in the basement, called **Calvinism** ... but now ... this grotesque offspring is paraded around openly as the **Doctrines Of Grace** ... how respectable ... but not the real Pauline imputed grace, but masquerading in the **harlot's outfit** of **infused grace**.

How is this possible?

Firstly, if our own understanding of the gospel is the product of **human reasoning**, it is surely that of **IDOGS**.

Secondly, if not having the English words of The King James Bible as our final, perfect, pure, infallible, inerrant and inspired words of God, we should not be surprised that out thinking reflects the best of any of the **IDOGS authors**.

IDOGS affirms a different "By Grace Alone" than Paul

True Christians follow Paul as he follows Christ (<u>1Corinthians 11:1</u>), and Paul is emphatic that salvation is **by imputed grace alone** (<u>Romans 3:24</u>, <u>28</u>; <u>4:5</u>; <u>11:6</u>; <u>Galatians 2:16-19</u>, <u>20-21</u>; <u>Ephesians 2:8-10</u>; <u>Titus 3:5-8</u>). So it comes as a surprise to many denominational 'Christians' to see how the **IDOGS** doctrine freely quotes Paul on salvation by grace.

But first ... a little background ... Pelagius

Around 400 AD, Pelagius stated that man was able to live a holy life ... simply by the natural powers given to him by God, and thereby obtain salvation.

Then came Augustine

Augustine vigorously opposed Pelagius ... saying that man needed God's **initial infused divine grace, prior to salvation**, because of man's total depravity ... and this had favour with many.

The Infused Doctrines of Grace (IDOGS) of Trent 1547 aka The Roman Catholic Council of Trent of 1547

It clearly states "If anyone says that man can be justified before God by his own works, whether done by his own natural powers or through the teaching of the law, without divine grace through Jesus Christ, let him be **anathema** (cursed)."

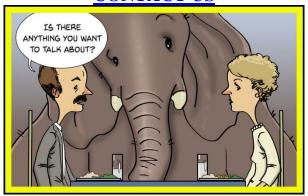
Furthermore "If anyone says that without the predisposing inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and without his help, man can believe, hope, love or be repentant as he ought, so that the grace of justification may be bestowed upon him, let him be **anathema** (cursed)."

All sounds evangelical doesn't it?

But as the innocent hoodwinked fellow said when he woke up in bed with his new bride "But ... but ... I didn't know she was a harlot! I've been tricked!"

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