

"THE CALVINIST'S ERROR ...
THE TOTALLY DEPRAVED MAN"
(aka The Doctrines of Grace-ists)

The Calvinist's permanent **stumbling block** ... is trying to uncover Bible truth ... while vehemently resisting with their tradition.

The result being lukewarm week-end chocolate soldiers operating only within the four walls of their church building.

In particular ... **the ordo salutis** ... Latin for **the order of salvation** ... that is ... what comes first in the process of salvation followed by what ... and so on.

Now, for the Calvinists, they are all at sea ... **bamboozled** ... you know ... all the terms ... where we have ... God **choosing** men; Jesus Christ that **lighteth** all men (<u>John 1:9</u>); God **draws** all men (<u>John 6:44</u>); men **receive** Christ (<u>John 1:12</u>); God **electing** men in Christ (<u>Ephesians 1:4</u>); men **believe** on Christ (<u>Acts 16:31</u>); men are **baptised** (<u>1 Corinthians 12:13</u>); **given** by the Father to Christ (<u>John 6:37</u> and ten times in John chapter 17); Jesus Christ **loses none** ... except son of perdition (<u>John 17:12</u>).

As a quick overview, Calvinists will **agree** with steps 1 and 5 as revealed in the chart at the end of the article ... but stumble badly with the rest.

The Calvinist's order of salvation begins with God **selecting** a man before the foundation of the world ... and ends ... **Spiritually baptizing** that man into Christ.

# First. Only if God draws you?

The Calvinist's error first starts with them **not** believing that God draws all men. Is this true?

Of course not! Christ **lighteth every man** that cometh into the world (<u>John 1:9</u>).

That's why all men have a **conscience of right and wrong**.

All men have their **own** standards ... if not the Lord's standards (<u>James 2:10</u>) ... as the verse says ... "... to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (<u>James 4:17</u>).

So as to the Calvinist's belief ... that all men are totally depraved ... this is totally false!

Therefore God is drawing **all** men to him ... by putting 'the light of Christ' in them (<u>John</u> 1:7) not just a selected Calvinist few ... like a lucky dip out of a hat!

#### Second. Men have a free will to receive and believe on Jesus Christ

The verse says "But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name:" (<u>John 1:12</u>)

This is free will ... there is no interference from God the Father to give a <u>totally depraved</u> <u>man</u> ... which is an absolute nonsensical lie ... the ability to freely choose.

### Third. Those that believe are baptised by God's Spirit into Christ.

The verse says "... that so many of us as were baptized (by God's spirit) into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13)

# Fourth. Christ maketh intercession to the Father for those baptised by God's Spirit into his death

"... he (Christ) ever liveth to make intercession for them (with God the Father) " (<u>Hebrews</u> 7:25).

In essence Christ says to the Father "Those that are in me ... are yours Father. What will be your verdict?"

### Fifth. God says "Well done Son ... I now give them back to you!"

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37) ... PLUS another ten times in John chapter 17)

#### Sixth. What about Judas ... he was given by the Father?

With Christ in earth, no-one could be Spiritually baptised into Christ ... meaning ... there was only ever temporary salvation. Yes Judas being the son of perdition ... was given by the Father ... and was therefore lost ... not having eternal security ( $\underline{John\ 17:12}$ ).

#### **SUMMARY:**

Dear Reader, can you see the back and forth ... the to-ing and fro-ing ... between Christ the Son and his Father? The Calvinist misses all that!

God's work	Jesus' work
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Step 1. God the <b>Father sends Christ</b> ( <u>John</u> 8:42)	
	Step 2. Christ <b>lighteth every</b> man ( <u>John</u> 1:9)
	Step 3. All men may <b>freely receive</b> Christ (John 1:12)
	Step 4. All men may <b>freely believe</b> <u>in</u> ( <u>John</u> 3:16) and <u>on</u> Christ ( <u>Acts 16:31</u> )
Step 5. Believers are Spiritually <b>baptised</b> into Christ (Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13) under Paul's dispensation.	
	Step 6. Christ maketh <b>intercession</b> to the Father for those in Christ ( <u>Hebrews 7:25</u> )
Step 7. Men are <b>born of God</b> ( <u>John 1:13</u> )	
	Step 8. God the Father <b>giveth</b> them back to Christ ( <u>John 6:37</u> ) with <b>eternal</b> salvation for those <b>freely</b> receiving and believing ( <u>John 1:12</u> ; <u>Acts 16:31</u> )

Christ never acts independently from God the Father ... and is **ever obedient** ... and **always** according to the Father's will ( $\underline{\text{John 5:30}}$ ;  $\underline{\text{John 6:57}}$ ) ... always checking with the Father with every step.

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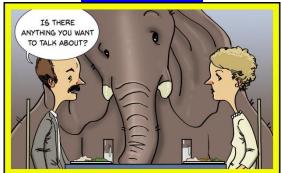
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