



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **Calvanism explained.**
 - **If you want it;
you haven't got it;**
 - **If you want it,
you can't get it;**
 - **If you get it,
you can't lose it**
 - **If you lose it,
you never had it.”**
- (Zachary - Smith Debate, title page)

- The second doctrine of Calvinism, Unconditional Election, is based on the first, Total Hereditary Depravity

- Calvinism is **NOT**
a Bible doctrine,
but a system of
human philosophy
(**humanism**)

appealing to the proud mind.

- Calvinism goes into
the realm of
human philosophy.

- How strange that after **1,500 years of Christianity,** practically no one had understood the Bible to teach Calvin's doctrine of predestination until he introduced the philosophy.
- **What a strangely hidden doctrine.**
 - **2 Corinthians 2:10**
God has revealed those things to us by his Spirit.

- Consider first that what we are discussing is called "**Calvin-ISM.**"

- It is only the **opinions** of one man.
 - It is like an **article** in a Magazine.
 - **One** person writes it and **everyone** is supposed to believe it.

- Since, they say, mankind is **totally depraved** and cannot respond in faithful obedience to the invitation of Jesus,
- People **cannot** choose for themselves to obey or disobey God
- God had **to choose** for mankind.

- **Unconditional Election**
is the belief that God,
with no regard to the will of man,
made an eternal choice
of certain persons
unto eternal life
and some to eternal damnation
- And that number is so fixed
that it cannot be changed.

- It is
“unconditional”
in that nothing a
person does or
desires has any
bearing whatsoever
on his salvation.

- Rooted in Calvin's view of the sovereignty of God, **Unconditional Election** is also referred to as the doctrine of **predestination**

- **Predestination Defined**

- The Greek word

- **“Proorizo”**

- (pro-or-rid'-zo)

- (G_4309)

- **“to limit**

- or

- **mark out beforehand;**

- (The Analytical Greek Lexicon, p, 345)

- Proof Texts Used to Support **Unconditional Election**

- **Acts 4:28** (ASV)

**to do whatsoever
thy hand and thy council
foreordained
to come to pass.**

- Act 4:25

Why did the heathen rage,
and the people imagine
vain things?

- 4:26 The kings of the earth
stood up, and
the rulers were gathered
together against the Lord,
and against his Christ.

- **Act 4:27**

For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed,

both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

- **4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.**

- Both Herod and Pilate
gathered together to hinder
what God had before
determined
that his
Anointed should perform.
- God's plan
didn't fit in
with their plans.

- Why did the heathen **rage**,
and the people imagine vain things?
(**Acts 4:25**)

- The word translated **rage** is used of the neighing of spirited horses.
- They may **buck** and **toss** their heads;
 - But in the end they will have to accept **the discipline of the reins.**
 - Men may make their **defiant gestures against God.**
 - But in the end **God will prevail.**

- Let us notice what type of men these were:

- Acts 2:23

you by the

hand of lawless men

did crucify and slay:

- They were gathered together for the purpose of executing their own will.

- But in reality fulfilled the purpose of God.

- Notice how God's foreordained plan didn't violate the freewill of anyone.

- All involved

- were all

- free-willed individuals.

- The question to be asked:
 - Did God's
" **KNOWING** "
about rebellion against
his authority
become in any sense,
the cause of it?
- According to Calvin it did!

- Even though God predestined Jesus to die for us, He did not force the men to do what they did, but He knew that they would.
- Though God has predetermined certain events (**Acts 1:7;17:31**),
- It has never been in such a way as to negate human responsibility (**John. 3:4ff**).

- God's goodness and severity are never arbitrary.
- Why were the Jews rejected by God?
- “*Because of unbelief they were broken off.*”
(Romans 11:20-23).

- 1 Timothy 2:4
- It is the will of God that all men should inherit eternal life;
 - But it is also the predetermined will of God that people should do so through acceptance of Jesus Christ,
- And persons refusing to do that must forfeit the inheritance.
- Thus, the penalty was also ”predetermined”.

Ephesians 1:4-8

Calvin argues that God
purposed all things
before the foundation of the world.

One must ask,
“What was ‘determined before?’”

The answer is the
death of Jesus.

Jesus’ death had been prophesied
as part of God’s plan to save mankind.
(**Genesis 3:15**)

- In an attempt to prove Unconditional Election, Calvinist quote Ephesians 1:4, but they only quote the first part of the verse:
 - "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world. "

- However, that is not the entire verse.
- The entire verse reads:
- “that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”
 - The verse says nothing about being chosen for Heaven or Hell.

- Under the same point
Calvinist quote

John 15:16,

"You have
not chosen me,

but

I have chosen you."

- **Again stopping**
in the middle of the verse.
- **The entire verse reads:**
"Ye have not chosen me,
but I have chosen you,
and ordained you,
 - **That you should**
go and bring forth fruit...

Luke 22:21-22

**21 But behold,
the hand of him
that betrayeth me
is with me on the table.**

**22 For the Son of man indeed goeth,
as it hath been determined:
but woe unto that man
through whom he is betrayed!**

Was not Jesus giving Judas a **warning**?

Is this a God who set men up to **fail**?

Acts 3:17

**"And now, brothers,
I know that you acted
in ignorance
like your leaders.**

God did not force them
to kill His Son.

They were accountable
for their actions.

God knew what evil men
would do
when confronted with
perfect goodness.

Acts 13:49

And as the Gentiles heard this,
they were glad,
and glorified the word of God:
and as many as were ordained
to eternal life believed.

The argument:

God, before the foundation of the world,
appointed only certain individuals to life.

Why would they need to “believe”
if they had already
been preordained
to be saved?

- Romans 8:29

The goal of
predestination
is expressed
in the phrase,

"**to be conformed to
the image of his Son.**"

- One is not called by a still small voice or by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit but by the gospel.

- 2 Thessalonians. 2:14

He called you by our gospel,
to the obtaining of the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who

- Hear,
- Believe,
- and respond in obedience
are referred to as
being
“called.”

(Galatians 1:6; 1 Peter 2:9)

- **1 Corinthians 2:7**

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

- **The argument:**
 - **The predestination of God** elected certain individuals to salvation.
 - The **context** shows clearly that it is **God's plan of redemption** that was ordained (predetermined) before the ages.

- The wisdom and power of God in reference to salvation are revealed in the gospel.

(Romans 1:16)

- In times past it had been a mystery, and not fully revealed.

- Now it is revealed as the wisdom of God.

(Ephesians 3:3,4)

- A school teacher, on the first day of class, told his students that some would pass and some would fail the course they were about to take.

- He then described the things necessary for one to be of those who would pass.

- At the end of the school year, just as the teacher had said, some passed and some failed.

- Since the teacher predestinated the outcome before he began, did it mean that he caused each individual to either pass or fail and that there was nothing they could do about it?

- No.

- Foreknowledge does not imply predestination!

- Likewise,
God predestinated
before He made the world
that He would choose
those “in Christ”
(**Ephesians 2:13**)
- And revealed those things
necessary for one
to be in Him.
 - It is therefore up to
each individual to do
those things necessary
to be found in Christ
and have salvation.

- God has given mankind freedom of choice.
 - God gave Adam and Eve the freedom of choice.
(**Genesis 2:16-17**)
- Their choice was plain obey and live
or
disobey and die.

• Who is willing to say that since God foreknew the outcome that He forced or ordained Adam and Eve to sin?
(**James 1:13-14**)

- Mankind today
still has freedom of choice.

(Joshua 24:15)

- People can choose today

whether or not

they will serve God.

(Revelation 2:10)

God is impartial
no respecter of persons.

Romans 2:11

Calvinists who insist
that since God is sovereign
and can arbitrarily choose
who to save
do not realize that
if God were to do that
He would violate His own nature.

The God revealed in His word
is a “**just God**”.

Psalms 89:14

. God has not exempted anyone
from the **opportunity** to obtain eternal life.

(1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)

Salvation is
not wholly dependent on God.

The **origin** of salvation
is utterly dependent on Him.

(Ephesians 2:4-10)

The **reception** of salvation
is dependent on man.

(Rev 22:17; Phil 2:12)

God **foreordained** the gospel
(**1 Corinthians 2:7-8; 2 Timothy 1:9-10**)

But man
must obey it
in order to receive
the benefits of it.

(**1 Peter 4:17**)

what shall the end be of them
that **obey** not the gospel of God?

- The church was predestinated
(**Ephesians 3:9-11**)
- But one must be baptized into it
to be a part of it.
(**1 Corinthians 12:13**)
 - The baptism requirement
was predestinated also.
 - This was not a
“Johnny come lately” idea.
- **“Did it ever occur to you that
nothing ever occurred to God?”** .

- Unconditional Election
nullifies the great commission.
(Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16)
- Nothing could be more foolish
than to preach the gospel
to all if only people whom
God arbitrarily chooses
are able to understand it.
 - God is no fool!

- If nothing can change anyone's status in relation to salvation or condemnation,
why preach it?

- Why warn people to flee from the wrath to come?
(Matthew 3:7)

- When there is
no place to flee to.

- **If they are elect,**
they will not incur
the wrath of God
regardless of what they do
 - **Or do not do.**
- If they are not elect,
they cannot flee anyway.
(**Matthew 3:7**)

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Deuteronomy 26:16

Today the LORD your God is
commanding you
to obey these
laws and rules.

You must faithfully obey
them with all your heart and
with all your soul.

- Moses declared to his hearers that what he is commanding them to do is not beyond their reach.
- Moses simply commanded them:
 - To love God,
 - To walk in his ways....
 - Yet, if man is totally incapable of doing ANY good how is he going to obey God's law?

- If God predestined everything, then there is no use in praying for your friends or family.

1Timothy 2:1

I exhort therefore,
first of all, that supplications,
prayers, intercessions,
thanksgivings,
be made for all men;

- If God predestined everything, then God created sin.

- He caused man to act a specific way knowing in advance what it would lead to.

- If man is totally incapable of good,
then man cannot truly be remorseful or repentant.
- If man is totally incapable of good,
then man cannot be faulted for his sins.
(**Luke 13:3**)
- If God predestined everything,
then there is no such thing as randomness.

- Once-saved-always-saved
is a farce

- One only has to read
the very last two verses of James .

- "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. "

(James 5:19-20)

- Yes, God is **omnipotent** and **omniscient**.
- He knows what will happen **before it will happen**.
- But foreknowledge **does not imply** predestination.

- Our problem is that we cannot fathom time the way God knows it.
- We see time as a constant stream from point A to point B.
 - This is why we cannot fathom that there is no beginning to God and no end to God.
- God is infinity. God simply is.

- Many events throughout the Bible have been predestined.
 - Jesus' birth was predestined.
 - Jesus' death was predestined.
 - Jesus' resurrection was predestined.
- But God certainly does not predestine people to go to heaven or go to hell.
 - It is man's choice to either accept God's path or reject it.

- **John 3:36**

"He that believes on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him."

- **Calvinism lie =**

They believe because they were chosen.

- **The truth =**

We were chosen because we believe!

- The Bible does teaches universal atonement.
 - Like it or not, the Word of God is our Final Authority.
 - 1st John 2:2
- “**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”**

- 1st Timothy 1:15,

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”

- The Word of God proclaims that Christ came to save sinners, not just certain sinners.

- The Bible has always **been clear on doctrine.**
- No one had any problems finding the truth about salvation **before Calvin arrived.**
- God put the cookies of truth on the **bottom shelf** for us to reach.
 - We don't need Calvin's **stepladder.**

- Heretics always try to convince us that the truth is way above our heads, out of our reach, and that we need them to help us obtain the truth.

- **1 John 2:27**

- **The anointing**

- **you received from God**

- **abides in you,**

and you do not need anyone to teach you this.

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- **All we need is the Word of God.**

- We must count it no less than blasphemy to teach that God arbitrarily condemns people to hell before they are even born.

- **Calvanism explained.**
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you haven't got it;**
 - **If you want it,
you can't get it;**
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- **Romans 3:4**

declares,

**“let God be true,
but every man a liar...”**

- **Think**
On These Things
(Philippians 4:8)

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



