

## CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #1 - TOTAL DEPRAVITY

### ROMANS 3:10-12

The Calvinist doctrine of Total Depravity is the "T" in the TULIP. They DO NOT mean mankind is sinful and cannot save himself, they mean that mankind CANNOT exercise saving faith.

#### I. THE WICKED HEART

- A. Remember that the heart of Man is wicked. JER. 17:9
  - 1. Read the context! V. 10 answers the question!
  - 2. Man cannot know it, but GOD does. He SEARCHES!
- B. Bible determines Man without strength ROMANS 5:6
  - 1. No ability to save ourselves - TRUE!
  - 2. But also, no DESIRE for Salvation - FALSE!
- C. The natural cannot receive the spiritual 1 COR. 2:14
  - 1. Calvinists believe: *"The unregenerate will not, of free will, choose to receive Christ."*
  - 2. Calvinists teach: Salvation only by God's FORCE
- D. Bible teaches: Salvation only by God's GRACE
  - 1. God created Man - Body/Soul/Spirit (triume)
  - 2. Calvinists CONFLATE the Soul (heart) and Spirit

#### II. THE TRUTH

- A. The god of Calvinism is cruel and wicked
  - 1. Why have Creation without free will? PSA 57:5
  - 2. How do we praise Him if He makes us?
- B. There is ABSOLUTELY no Bible support for Calvinism
  - 1. We will not play their game (no-point Baptists)
  - 2. They claim free will violates God's sovereignty
- C. Abraham BELIEVED God (not forced) Did he deserve Hell?
  - 1. Is God a respecter of persons? NO! ACTS 10:34-35

#### III. THE RECORD OF CHOICE

- A. The Malefactors crucified beside Jesus LUKE 23:32-43
  - 1. No discernable difference between the two
  - 2. One CHOOSE to turn to God and ASK for Salvation
- B. The Tree of Knowledge in the Garden GEN 2:9,15-17
  - 1. Why would God do that? Proves free will!
  - 2. They were NOT totally depraved but choose sin
- C. Any who are lost MAY BELIEVE the gospel MARK 1:15

CONCLUSION: The Bible teaches the sinful condition of natural man, NOT the Calvinist Doctrine of Total Depravity. PROV. 8:17