

CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #8 - RESISTABLE GRACE

HEBREWS 12:24-29

Arminians teach that saving grace may be resisted because God will not overrule the freewill He gave mankind. Man is born again when he believes and receives God's grace.

I. BIBLE DOCTRINE

- A. True out of all 10 points (5 Calvinist / 5 Arminian)
 - 1. Mediator of a New Covenant - HEB. 12:24
 - 2. "Interposing between parties at variance"
 - 3. Remember this book written to Hebrews!
- B. Christ speaks better things than Abel - GEN. 4:1-10
 - 1. Context: Offerings to God / Blood crying out
 - 2. Abel's blood: "Unjust! Sin! Death!"
 - 3. Jesus's blood: "Salvation! Forgiveness! Life!"
- C. God wants all to be Saved - whomever will call to Him
 - 1. Are you a whosoever will? Or won't? ROM. 10:13
 - 2. Condemnation and judgment default - JOHN 3:18
 - 3. Wages of sin is death / Salvation God's gift!
- D. Hell not created (designed) for mankind - MATT. 25:41
 - 1. God will not tolerate unjudged sin
 - 2. People who choose to hold onto sin and self

II. "BELIEF" DESCRIBED

- A. Believing - JAMES 2:19
 - 1. Many people have a "head knowledge"
 - 2. Not by knowledge alone
 - 3. Facts: Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus
- B. Repentance - 2 COR. 7:10
 - 1. Many people are sorry they "got caught"
 - 2. Not by worldly sorrow but "heart knowledge"
 - 3. "A change of heart toward sin and self."
- C. Faith - HEB. 11:1
 - 1. If on "sight" we wouldn't need it on faith!
 - 2. Trusting "on" nor just a belief "in"
 - 3. Removes baptismal regeneration (sight/works)
- D. Salvation - ACTS 16:31
 - 1. Jailor "believed" the earthquake (God's power)
 - 2. Jailor "trembled" under conviction (his need)
 - 3. Jailor "received" by faith what he did not have

Conclusion: God offers His Salvation by GRACE to every person. God withholds His judgement in MERCY for every person. Therefore, God wants every person to accept by freewill.