

Calvinism

The onward onslaught of circular reasoning!

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The Calvinist directed me to John 3 for explanation for his belief structure.

Wow... hmmm... John 3 is exactly where it says what you are missing. See?

John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

See them two choices that a man can make there? To Believe or not to Believe; that is the question! And how about them that don't believe, what wrath abides on them? Was there a time when everyone did not believe? Was there a time when YOU did not believe? Were you liable to go to hell then if you died?

It did NOT say he that is chosen hath everlasting life and he that is not chosen...etc... Why do you read that into it?

And now about God choosing? You mean: About God choosing YOU! MAN... you CAN read can't you? I started that out with GOD CHOOSING! But he DID NOT CHOOSE YOU! YOU are NOT important to GOD and His plans.... He can do just fine WITHOUT you or me. HE DID choose as a matter of fact! GOD CHOSE LORD JESUS CHRIST... You even quoted that at the beginning from me before. So then why the question: Can God CHOOSE? The Bible is full of GOD choosing and men choosing... I really don't see your point here. You are so proving my point for me.

About the man chosen to hell will never make it to heaven bit... you claim that he is already there... but if he has not died yet he is not there yet... so how can you claim that he is there when he isn't even though God already choose him to go there? Frustrate the space time continuum over and over again. You were not pre-incarnated. You did not exist before you were born! God is the ONLY one that did. You were NOT even there! God would not have chosen you if you were there because you ARE a sinner! Even your ring leader knows this! You are a sinner! God doesn't choose sinners to be His Chosen ONE! His Chosen ONE is Lord Jesus Christ! You'd think you could get this after saying it over and over again.

God choose to do things within a time frame... Christ actually died in that time frame at a certain time... but because Jesus Christ is Eternal Life; He existed before He was born in the flesh and in time. This is quite the paradox in the Bible. You therefore are very much making a liar out of God and making God the graceless god that would choose people to go to hell for nothing but because GOD CHOOSES TO DO THAT. God can NOT do some things as you know! God can not SIN! God can not go against what He

says! And God picked ONE person out of everyone that was ever born in this world! He chose only ONE! (Psalms 2:7)

There is no Grace in an unjust god that chooses people to go to hell at all. It makes you lie when you preach the gospel to a lost person that is NOT chosen to go to heaven if you offer salvation to them! You have to lie to them to do that. That would not be the gospel to them because it is not good news! To them it would be only bad news! There is NOT any more GRACE in that than in God choosing anyone to burn in hell forever for nothing... for no reason... that is a tyrant and a BAD GOD... A SINFUL GOD of your own mental instability! (I speak to Calvin, so don't take this personal; you didn't have the idea about this ridiculous nonsense, Calvin did!)

So I read John 3 and so what... That establishes what I been saying all along! John 3:15 "...That whosoever believeth..." A choice for the sinner to believe on Jesus and not just a special group called the elect, but whosoever... That's everyone! NOT LIMITED ATONEMENT AFTER ALL!

And again: John 3:16 "...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish..." oh! You mean the elect group of people WERE going to perish! I thought they were elect and could never perish because they are the elect of God and predestined to heaven!!!! Blah, Blah, Blah! If whosoever is a special group and not everyone, then the whosoever is to a select group and not everyone also! But that would make it so that they arrived before they started because both groups are right here and spoken of as the same group! Go figure!

The "whosoever believeth" is given to everyone; it is given to all men; for that "...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:23. There is NO special group of people that are elect prior to salvation! You had a beginning when you were born! You were born with a dead spirit and a lost soul! Your spirit can not "will" the "new birth" because it is DEAD... But, your soul is only lost it is not dead... so it can will to receive Jesus Christ and be saved... thereby that act of faith in believing on the Lord Jesus Christ gets you into CHRIST! Gets you into HE who IS eternal life! SO, at that moment in time... you get eternal life that is your spirit is joined to Gods Spirit... you get into the eternal life stream that goes from Eternity to Eternity... It is a space time warp jump that can not be explained by the limited understanding of Calvinism! He misses the mark totally!

T = Totally missing the ONE! (Lord Jesus Christ is the ONE!)

U = Unconventional time warping (frustrating the space time continuum)

L = Limited understanding the Bible (self explanatory)

I = Independent interpretations of passages (predestination, election, etc.)

P = Personal professional pedestal presentationalism (I am one of the elect)

Careful when quoting any Bible to me... I am a Bible Believer... I do not attach myself to any other belief system.

Calvinism reminds me of Mormonism - fatalist from beginning to end

I can never believe in a god that sends people to hell for something they are not personally responsible for doing. Why give Adam a choice and then damn all of Adam's children and say they don't have a choice? Did God choose Adam to fall? Or was it Adam's choice? Remember Adam was NOT a sinner and had NO sin nature before he ate that forbidden fruit! Who made the decision for him to eat that and disobey God? God held Adam accountable because Adam Choose to disobey God! Like we all do! We all choose to disobey God; and that sets us up for knowing right from wrong at what ever age that is for every man, or woman. When we reach an age we are convicted of our sin because we do what we know to be wrong, by choice! When presented with another choice like to receive Jesus Christ as our savior to pay for our sins! We make that choice as a step of faith, like Abraham did! Christ said over and over; "Your faith hath made you whole!" That's a choice of the sinner!

Jesus said in John 8:24 "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Why say that if they were chosen to die in their sins... why say that if they were doomed to hell from the foundations of the world... yada, yada, yada... Why say to them to believe if they don't have a choice in that! What a rotten god that would play with the souls of men that way!

I am so glad my God is not this phantom fatalist faker of Calvinism... lest we all be consumed with "are you or aren't you the elect! What? That is the most ridiculous question to ask yourself or anyone else.

An example of a Calvinist who quoted me and responded:

SergantInGodsArmy: No where did Paul say that a man who was chosen to hell will never make it to heaven.

Reformedtheogian00: Thats right, no where, because once youre there, there no second chances. Once, in hell, forever in hell.

My last ditch effort to help this poor deluded fool out:

"Once" I did not say he was in hell yet! I said a man who was chosen to hell... that happened before the foundation of the world; remember? If he was chosen to hell, before the foundations, etc, etc, etc; all during his life before he goes to hell, he can NEVER go to heaven! You said, "There is no second chance?" Wait a minute! THERE WAS NEVER A FIRST CHANCE! God chose for him already! He was born, lived and died with NO HOPE of ever getting into heaven because God chose him to hell! You lied to him when you told him he could go to heaven and had a chance at all! He according to Calvinism was in hell before he was even born... what chance is there in that!

This shows however, the way a Calvinist thinks! He can never read what was written.



Why oh why are there people that just can't read?

Which "regeneration" are you referring to? Matthew 19:28, "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

OR

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Perhaps you have no idea that we are a tripartite nature like God. That is we have 3 parts to us. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God would have to make us in his image for Christ to become a man, because Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh: 1 Timothy 3:16. This nature of a spirit and a soul and a body makes it clear to understand what the problem with man is. Our persona inside the living body is the soul which is not dead but very much alive after all here it is in me thinking and doing inside this body. It makes choices every day some choices are right while others are wrong. This soul is lost by the nature of our spirit which was born dead! This is where the Calvinist makes the first mistake! The frustration between the soul and the spirit... you apply verses aimed at the spirit to the soul... the dead spirit of a lost soul is just that. There is no such thing as a lost spirit unless you are talking about the devils. A lost spirit can never be saved. A dead soul is already in Hell because one day that soul will face the second death in the lake of fire. So understand this difference. And pay attention to the details in the Bible. Put your penknife away and believe all that the Bible says just as it says it.

I never said the issue was about Calvinism; but when someone proclaims the wrong doctrine it's beneficial to report this as wrong, else the simple minded will be deceived and both fall into the ditch.

Which part gets regenerated?

Your claim: "God said no one will see His kingdom unless you are born again. A dead person is incapable of raising himself to life so as a spiritually dead person incapable of believing in God and obeying His commands."

The error you are in is assuming that the "person" is dead while you can see that physically they are alive! They have the "breath of life" in them therefore they are a living soul... SO, that leaves one thing left and that is a dead spirit. That is why we must be born again... reread the passage and tell is it the spirit or the soul that is born again?

John 3:5-8, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of

the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

But you can not be born again by your own will, because the spirit is dead! That is what you are really meaning, right? Ah! But your soul is not dead! By its nature it is only lost!

Let me refute a few misconceptions associated with Calvinism:

John 1:11, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Irresistible Grace? Wrong! They rejected His Grace!

John 1:12, "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:" Sons of God! That is what being born again is! Becoming a son of God! With an offer to receive HIM! This requires a choice to do this with the free will of the soul; not the dead spirit!

John 1:13, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Not born again not from the Adamic blood line, nor of the WILL OF THE FLESH, nor of the WILL OF MAN, but of GOD! This will of man would be the same will as what was born again! That is the spirit of man. It is because the spirit of man was dead at the time. There is not anything here that precludes that the soul of man can not will to receive Jesus Christ as an act of faith.

You have stated, "Only God can raise people from the dead and the only one who can give the Spirit and the gift of life eternal." Very true! As I have pointed out so far.

The Lord God shows up with a sharp twoedged sword and divides the soul and spirit. Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This Spirit of Truth brings a choice that heretofore was not there! The choice to receive the Lord Jesus as savior for any lost soul! Once this soul sees his need, and turns to the Lord receiving Jesus Christ as his personal savior, the spirit separates this person from himself... the spiritual operation of God: Colossians 2:11-12, "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

This operation of God is the circumcision made without hands, in dividing the flesh from the soul. This operation makes it possible for the lost soul to be free from the sins of the flesh. Then the Spirit of God moves into the spirit of man and melds with him to form one Spirit giving him eternal life. This is where the man becomes born again and a son of God. This translation from the power of darkness to the kingdom of light is remarkable and yet so many misunderstand it. Colossians 1:13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"

This has happened in the cyclic beating of time the continuum ultimately that will continue to frustrate mankind and baffle the Bible corrector. God looks out upon man that is within time from a vantage point outside of the confines of time. God inhabits eternity. However; God has allowed himself to be confined to time in this way: He wrote a book through out time; prophesied in the time line to prove His Divinity; came down to earth within time as a man to die and to ultimately infuse His Divinity into His creation! By giving man the choice to receive Him. He gave Adam the choice to disobey Him; and therefore sin fell upon ALL men! If Jesus Christ's payment for sin did not fall upon all men then NONE can be saved! All are in Adam!

You have said: "I'm just very grateful that God revealed Himself to me and He called me to follow Him. This I can't do on my own, it takes a miracle for me to hear His voice. A deaf person is incapable of hearing and that's how I was when I was living and driven by my old nature."

You are saying you could not do anything right because of your old nature? You were deaf? Wow you had it easy! The Bible says I was dead in trespasses and sins! I was alone in the world without hope without God! (That doesn't sound like I was one of the elect there!) The Bible makes it clear that ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God! Perhaps the Calvinistic thing is a misunderstanding! A viewing of theology backwards instead of forwards! You were not deaf physically! But you were deaf spiritually! You were not deaf in your soul because you could hear and make a choice not to do what your physical parents told you not to do! Your soul made that choice! Your soul made the choice to sin! And no matter your physical disposition or nature to sin your soul was not in that disposition. Your flesh was in Adam and your soul was stuck to your flesh. You needed a spiritual circumcision that cuts your soul from your flesh! You did not even know this happened when you got saved!

Your old nature is present in your flesh; and in your mind. The mind can filter things into your soul and deceive your heart. That is why you can still sin. The flesh through the mind can make you sin and therefore you must wash in the word; confess to the Lord your sins and plead the Blood!

You said: "You're not here talking about God if He didn't reveal Himself to you and called you and give you a new heart and mind to love Him and His people, to hate sin and to have a cry in your heart be conformed to His image."

Oh, and I take it you are conformed to His image? I was given only one choice to follow when I came into the world. That was to follow me! I did not know who I was really following at the time. Someone presented the gospel to me to give me the choice to receive Jesus as my savior or try and make it my own way! A choice is always between at least two things! That is why it is a choice. I received Him. I did not know my soul was doing that at the time. It did not matter to me. I just knew that I was going to burn in hell forever for what I have done in my life and God was going to hold me accountable for all the sin in my life. I would bust hell wide open. I deserved hell... I was not told I

was predestined to heaven, I was not told that I was one of the elect... that is just ridiculous! I was told I was LOST! Just like the Bible says!

You said: "True christians are not those who carry around bibles but those who do what is written in it. It doesn't matter if you have the KJV or NIV, the question is do you live it?"

WOW! How can you say a thing like that without studying the thing out fully? The words of God are precious and whether you carry your Bible or not has no bearing on being a true Christian! It does matter which Bible is God's words and if it does not matter to YOU! I pity you. It matters to me! And WHY would it then matter to anyone unless there is an issue that you obviously have not found out yet!

For this you MUST be a Bible Believer. Not just a "Christian" who cares less about carrying his Bible around incase someone should point and require an answer why and you could not give it! Some so called "Christians" do not like to be confronted when they do not KNOW their Bible. So, I take the stand of the Bible Believer. The Bible says in Luke 4:4, "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Obviously this is the King James Bible, commonly called the Authorized Version in the King's English. You can take your version and compare to the Authority of God in His Authorized Version. Sorry to rub this in so much. For your version lets take the one you referenced: the NIV! Hey, who took out that last part from your NIV? Luke 4:4, "...but by ever word of God." Who would not want you to have every word? I wonder who that would be? Turn to Luke 4:8, and read, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." And compare this to your NIV for the shock and culprit in Bible Criticism! Why is "...Get thee behind me, Satan..." REMOVED? Oh yes, I guess he wants to be incognito!

You are deluded to think these are the same! This is a drop in the bucket in differences but the proof is in the pudding! If you really want the truth, God shows you the truth; but if you are not really looking for the truth God will deceive you! 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

You said: "You have to understand that early christian don't have a written instructions but they were saved because they were born again. The bible is written in their hearts and they live by conviction and obey His commands."

Wow, did we not know this simplistic fact that there is a history of the Bible? Or; is this just one more in a series of lame attempts to steal my Bible from me and make a person have to work for salvation! So we should get rid of the Bible and "live by conviction and obey his commands" What kind of rubbish is this?

To put a person under this kind of torment would be to allow for anything! Live by conviction is not in the Bible anywhere! And New Testament salvation is NOT by works of righteousness which we have done! Not by obeying his commands!

You said: "I don't even agree with some of what John Calvin and Charles Spurgeon's teachings but I'm very grateful that there were man and women of God who studied God's word and teach it without any compromise. We really need to have the gospel preached in today's church. The church of today is so spiritually bankrupt and so full of compromise."

Matthew 22:29, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

Wow what a blank testimony! I have and do study God's words and teach it without compromise! I teach and preach the Gospel; but you understand no one can thwart prophecy! The end days are upon us and these are marked with a great falling away from the truth. We are to be winning the lost one by one and if you are not doing something to win the lost then you are a heretic! Repent and get busy!

You Said: "Brother please let's understand each other and see the bigger problem in church today. I hope we all have the same passion to see our church to be revived. Set aside minor issues and look at the bigger issue, which is the souls of men and the unregenerated church of today."

The bigger problem? There is no bigger problem than seeing lost people saved! And when you have people that teach false doctrines that lead people astray this is a BIG problem! You can not minor it without sending many lost sinners to hell. The so called "unregenerated" church of today is not the "big issue" it is prophesied to happen. What to do about it? Go to the lost and get them saved! Quit thinking that you need to reach the elect group of special people that do not exist! And present the Gospel to ALL like the Bible says! QUIT CORRECTING the WORDS OF GOD and start BELIEVING THEM!

You said: "God bless you and may you be filled with more of His love :)"

The Bible says, "

1 Corinthians 13:6, "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;" Love has a prerequisite to the truth! Love can not exist without the TRUTH! You can love and lie! But you can not tell the truth and hate! Love can be a covering for a lie! The Truth is always 100% truth! Never trust a lying lover! If any loving is to be done; one must love the truth FIRST! Zechariah 8:19b, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts...therefore love the truth..." and Ephesians 4:15, "...speaking the truth in love..." and 2 Thessalonians 2:10b "...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." And if you are so keen on love: 1 John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." The Gospel is not a love gospel; but the love of the truth constrains us to preach it because of what it is: IT IS THE POWER OF GOD!

Romans 1:16a, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...”

An example for you to read where Paul rebukes Peter for teaching wrong: Galatians 2:14, “But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?”

It’s all about Lord Jesus Christ! He is the truth! He is eternal life: 1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

Jesus was... Acts 10:42b, “...to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” The elect one; the chosen one; the ordained one; is Lord Jesus Christ! NOT YOU! You were no more the elect when you were lost than anyone else! You think more highly of yourself than you ought if you are a Calvinist!

How can the Calvinist be regenerated if he is NOT one of the elect? How is he then a Calvinist? Circle logic! Why is there a choice to receive Christ for a Calvinist? When he is already in a group called the elect of God predestined to heaven before the foundations of the world! Circular Logic! There is not one speck of truth to that statement! The Calvinist will claim misrepresentation of Calvinism and repeat his circle of verses to read; where they exhume words from their contexts to prove a lie. Words like: “predestinate” and “the elect” and “before the world began” and “election” and “foreordained” and “elect” and “predestinated!”

Notice in the words predestinated there is never a word in the Bible like Predestine or Predestined... pay attention to the details. The words are not used because that is not what it is teaching! The Bible does not teach fatalism! That is a Satanic teaching that disallows men being a part in God’s plan. This would cut the very fabric of what God intended to do. Jesus Christ is the preeminent one; before all things high and lofty was His habitation! Colossians 1:18, “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.” This is talking about Jesus Christ; NOT YOU! Jesus Christ was preeminent! NEVER YOU! NEVER ANYONE ELSE! Read your Bible for a change!

When taken out of context these words can be made to teach just about anything! However; when places in their context they do not teach anything remotely close to Calvinism! How about that!

Make a big deal about the truth and the lies all fade away into oblivion!