

Why I am NOT a Calvinist

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In Calvinism the determining factor on whether or not anyone is going to heaven or hell is NOT the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the election by God before time. If this being the case that would mean all children that die are NOT part of the elect! Or are they? How can they be part of the elect if they could not take part in automatic regeneration? They not being old enough to understand that they are a sinner if they were BORN a sinner yet still in their innocence, then according to Calvinistic Theology they would go to HELL! Is this where baptismal regeneration comes into the mix? What keeps the innocent OUT of hell in Calvinism?

In Calvinism people are predestined to heaven or hell prior to their conception even before the earth was made. Yet the same system believes they were born in sin totally and completely dead in trespasses and sin. IF this being the case: that would mean their spirit is dead, their soul is dead and their flesh is dead! Pray tell what is the point?

One of the essential elements of Calvinism is Limited Atonement; this means that the Atonement is limited to certain elected people and NOT for others. This doctrine would go hand in hand with the other element of Unconditional Election. However; IF the election is unconditional how can the atonement be limited? A conditional Election would be selective and limit the Atonement; however an unconditional election would seem to make the atonement universal! The FACT is the Election IS LIMITED and therefore CONDITIONAL on IMPUTATION which is also LIMITED to those that receive Jesus Christ which is mans part of reconciliation: and the Atonement is UNLIMITED and therefore UNCONDITIONAL because this is God's part of reconciliation. God's part of reconciliation MUST be universal; Man's part is limited to those that receive God's part of reconciliation! "BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD!" 2 Corinthians 5:20b. There IS something you MUST DO! RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR; IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS YOU ARE YET IN YOUR SINS AND WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS AND BURN IN HELL.

John Calvin's actual name was Jean Chauvin which is French; and the reason for this alteration is because Calvin aka Chauvin would not make a good ISM for people to follow after (Chauvinism) so the alteration to the ANGLICAN name CALVIN (Calvinism)! Can a man be trusted who changes his name to protect the GUILTY?

Calvinism appeals to pseudo-intellectual lazy religious people that can not reason for themselves and MUST adopt someone else's theological exegetical philosophies. In the case of the Calvinist there are five main points on which they erect their belief structure: The basic belief is predestinationism: where they believe God held an election of souls that would go to heaven and the rest would go to hell. This in itself would mean people as souls would have had to exist prior to their birth; and were therefore incarnated in human form. Another group actually teaches this: that is the Mormons. However, a closer look at the Calvinistic approach we find the basic function of this election is to prerequisite the grace of God found in the sacrificial death, burial and resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus making an: “auto regeneration” prior to man doing anything about the gospel message thereby creating a puppet in man and a puppeteer in God.

Remarkably, this “auto regeneration” is based on the preeminence of MAN and God’s election of HIM; and NOT on God’s unlimited propitiation found ONLY in Jesus Christ. I John 2:1-2.

This brings me to what a Calvinist actually is! In their mind they are justified in this teaching; but have not themselves thought through the things they teach. The notion that God chose YOU makes YOU feel so special that YOU have a place in heaven because GOD CHOSE YOU! This is a fatalistic elitism that is hard to escape from because its brain washing and mental alteration to sound reason obliterates the opportunity for the Lord to DEAL WITH THE SOUL HERE AND NOW and CONVICT THE SOUL OF SIN; because in their mind they have NO CHOICE. Yet I have NEVER met anyone that was saved as a Calvinist; every Calvinist that I have talked to; God saved and later turned to Calvinism to explain what happened, because they can’t figure it out on their own.