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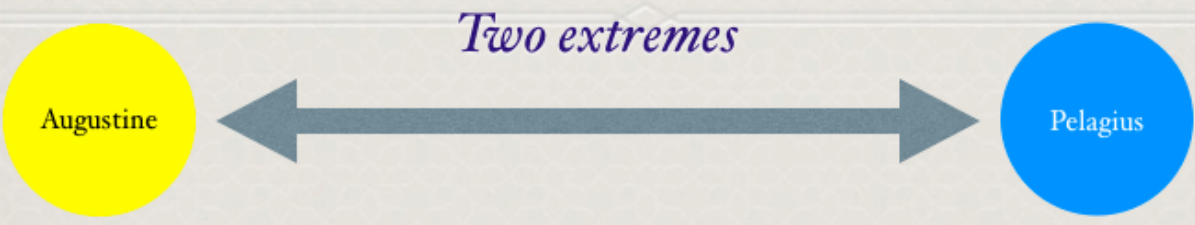


The Reformers' Soteriology

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Christianity without oomph?

Summary

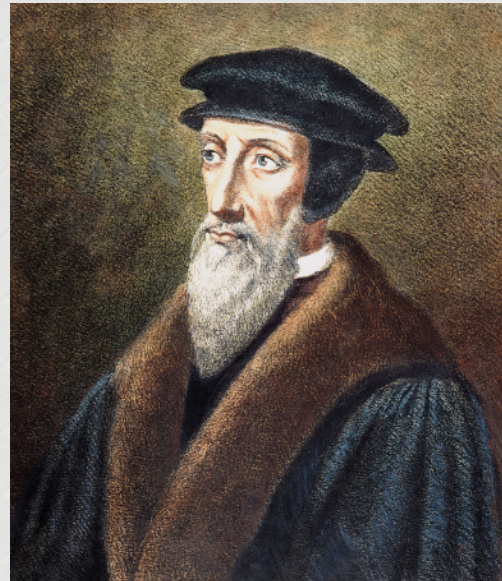


Grace+Works



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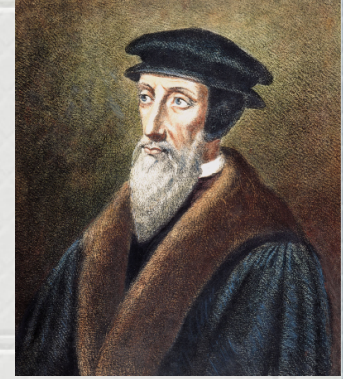


Sola Gratia et Fides

**Justification only by grace
through faith**

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Two Hinges:





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Do you believe that God alone is the Saviour of humanity? Yes or No?

Do you believe that Christ is the author and finisher our salvation? Yes or No?

Do you believe that we saved by the grace of God?
Yes or No?

Do you believe that we are not saved by works? Yes or No?

Do you believe that salvation ultimately depends on our choice?
Yes or No?

Who does your salvation really depend on? **You or God?**

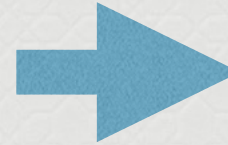
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Sovereignty of God



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The Reformation:

- Affirmation of God's sovereignty over our choices
- Glory to God ALONE for human salvation
- Attempt to remove ANY hint of human work from human salvation (even choice is work)



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Total Depravity

The Fall of Adam:

- Totally depraves human moral nature (total depravity)
- Completely damages human free will
- Result: humans are free to sin but not to repent

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How Are Humans Saved?

- ✦ Humans are born sinners (totally depraved)
- ✦ **Totally and absolutely dependent on God** for salvation and renewal
- ✦ Justification: **God's decision in eternity past**
- ✦ ***PREDESTINATION***

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*Justification
(Grace)*



*Sanctification
(Works)*



Only justification
plays a role in
human salvation



Iustitia aliena:
alien righteousness

Justification is
ELECTION

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Justification



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Total Grace



Passive Faith



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SAVED

*If I experience conversion, then I **trust** (sola fide) that I am in this group of people.*

NO REVISION

LOST



I don't experience conversion so I don't even know that I am lost.

God's Decision in the Past



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Human Role in Salvation



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|---|---|---|
| ● <i>God and the Church</i> | → | ● <i>God decides who gets saved</i> |
| ● <i>Faith, Merits/Works</i> | → | ● <i>Nothing!</i> |
| ● <i>Faith/Grace + Obedience</i> | → | ● <i>Grace + Nothing</i> |
| ● <i>Cooperation, obedience to God's commandments</i> | → | ● <i>God's operation alone, obedience is <u>not</u> part of the equation</i> |



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Original Sin

	<i>Pelagius</i>	<i>Augustine</i>	<i>RCC</i>	<i>Luther & Calvin</i>
<i>Nature of Sin</i>				
<i>Guilt</i>	✗	✓	✓	✓
<i>Inclination to Sin</i>	✗	✓	✓	✓
<i>Total Depravity</i>	✗	✓	✗	✓

Classical Calvinism

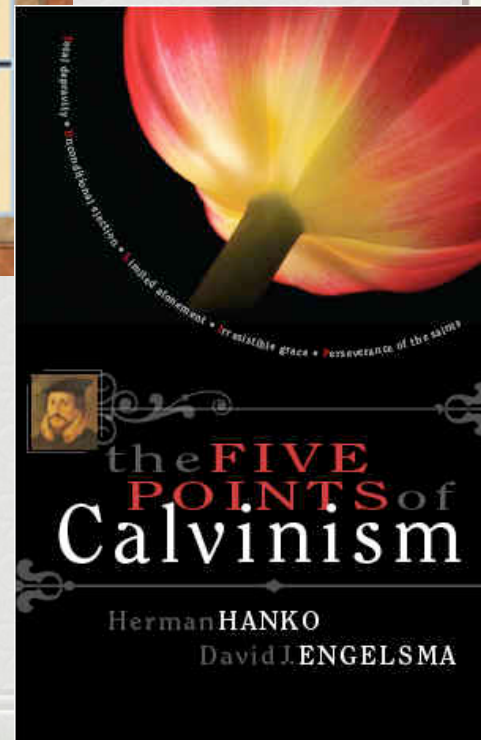
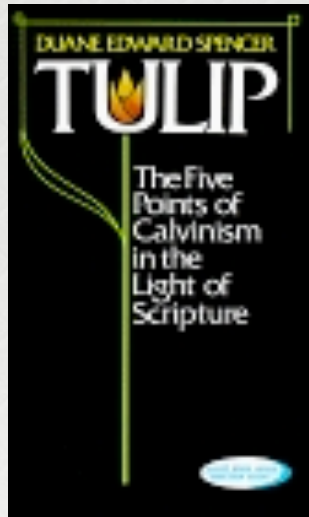
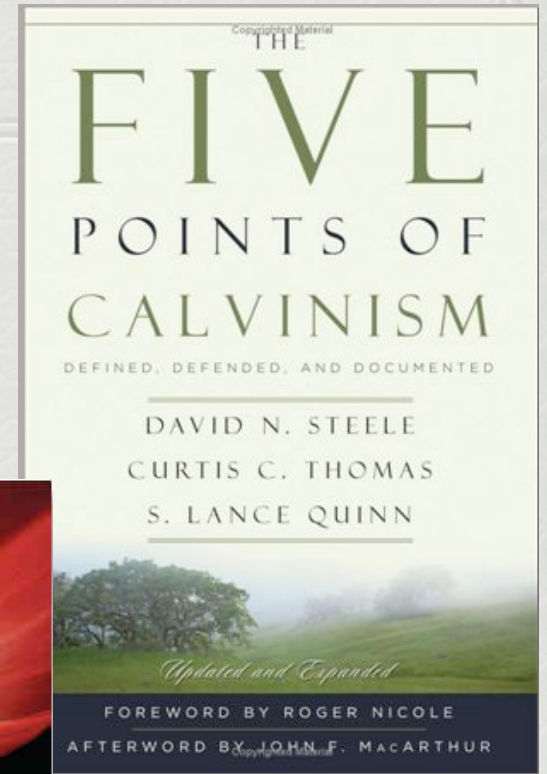
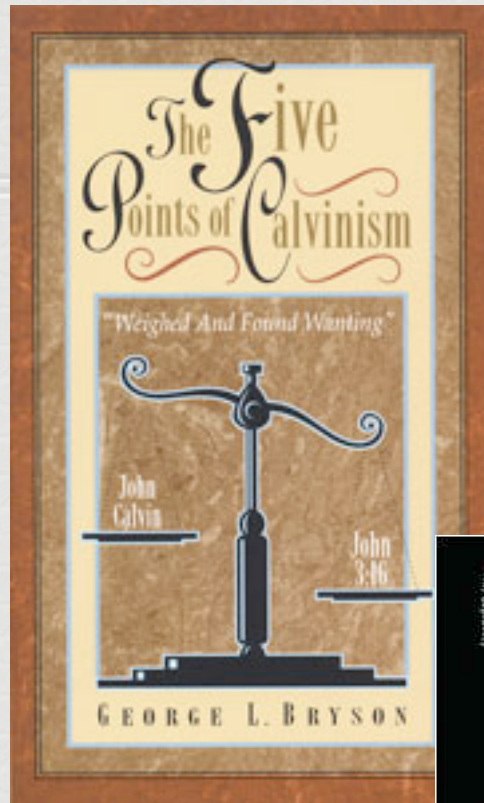
- * **T**otal Depravity
- * **U**nconditional Predestination
- * **L**imited Atonement
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- * **P**erseverance of Saints



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Total Depravity
U*nconditional Election*
L*imited Atonement*
I*rresistible Grace*
P*erseverance of the Saints*

-5 Points of Calvinism-





“There are two views concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ. First, there is what we call Calvinism. Then, there are varying degrees of unbelief.”



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Summary:

- Faith does not play any role in human salvation
- The sinner is not justified by faith
- The sinner trusts (has faith) that he/she is elected
- Faith (trust) is a gift only to the elect
- Faith is passive



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Strong Theology of Grace

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Calvinism





*Can we, as Seventh-day Adventists,
still consider ourselves Protestants?*