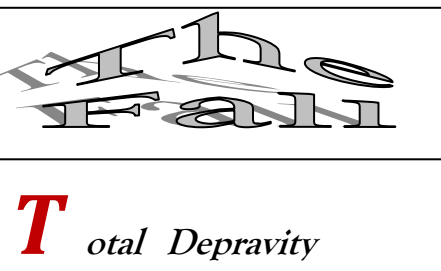


# God's Word and The Five Points of Calvinism

During the "Dark Ages", Europe was dominated politically and spiritually by the Roman Catholic Church, which taught (and still does teach) salvation by a system of slavish obedience to rituals, rules, and traditions of men, but not according to scripture. The Protestant Reformation, which came to a head under Luther, Calvin, Knox etc., brought salvation to millions across Europe by the preaching of the Biblical gospel of Christ, and enlightened the whole world, ultimately giving us the so-called freedoms and rights we enjoy today.

Followers of the Dutch theologian Arminius, in opposition to the gospel of Christ, put up to the Dutch Parliament a Remonstrance called "**The Five Points of Arminianism**". In 1618 a National Synod of the Church was convened at Dort to examine it. They declared it to be heresy, answering it with what became known as "**The Five Points of Calvinism**". ("TULIP" by DE Spencer – BAKER BOOK HOUSE)

Arminianism today, is a partial return to the Romish idea of salvation by works rather than "**by grace .. through faith ... the gift of God .. not of works..**" (**Ephesians 2:8-9**) These errors are rife in almost all churches! Hence the "Five Points of Calvinism", in the helpful form of the Dutch acrostic – **T.U.L.I.P.**, are of central importance for those who wish to return to the scriptures!



Adam's sin	Romans 5:12	"..by one man sin entered the world.."
The Fall	Romans 5:12 Romans 5:12	"..and death by sin.." "..so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.."
Condemnation	Romans 5:18	"..by the offence of one judgment came upon all men unto condemnation.."

**Total Depravity** means man is fallen into total spiritual inability. Man as a fallen, condemned sinner, **cannot help himself**. He cannot and will not call upon the true and living God. (**Romans 3:9-12**) He cannot accept Christ. He is "**dead in trespasses and sins**"! (**Ephesians 2:1**), **doomed to eternal judgment unless God sovereignly intervenes**.

**Arminians**, ("**non-Calvinists**"), who do not believe these doctrines, or who inconsistently hold some of them and not others make the fatal mistake of ignoring this first basic Bible fact – **Man is Fallen! All are under condemnation! (And justly so!)**

In addition to this, every man has personally broken God's commandments, the penalty of which is the same as Adam's (death and hell). **Justice** would put us all in hell for eternity, but God, **in mercy**, has chosen to redeem some of the fallen, whom He calls His "**elect**".



Ephesians 1:4	"..he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.."
John 15:16	"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.."
John 5:21	"..the Son quickeneth whom he will.."
Romans 5:18	"by the offence of one judgment came upon all (all in Adam)..so by the righteousness of one the free gift came Upon all.. (all in Christ)
John 6:37	"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I shall in no wise cast out."
John 6:39-45	"And this is the Father's will .. that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ..and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 10:11-28	"..the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.."

The above Bible truths, sometimes referred to as *Calvinism*, *Reformed Doctrine*, or *The Doctrines of Grace*, are hated and opposed even as Christ is, but they are the basic Biblical facts of His Gospel. Nothing could be plainer, as reading *Ephesians 1-2* & *John 3, 5, 6, 10, & 17* etc. prove. **All Adam's seed are condemned in him, but "there is .. no condemnation to them which are in Christ.."** (**Romans 8:1**) – **Be sure you are in Christ?** All who are not true disciples of Christ will spend eternity in the "lake of fire". Though we all deserve this for our sins against God, the good news is that Christ died to "**save his people from their sins**" – So, we have **the Fall in Adam**, but thank God, there is **Redemption in Christ!** Don't look for another way! There is none!

For He said "**I am the way..!**"