SALVATION

God's Choice of Man
OR
Man's Choice of God

Session 2

05/18/14

TULIP OF CALVINISM 

- **T**otal Depravity 
- **U**nconditional Election
- **L**imited Atonement
- **I**rresistible Grace
- **P**erseverance of saints

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

- According to Calvinism…

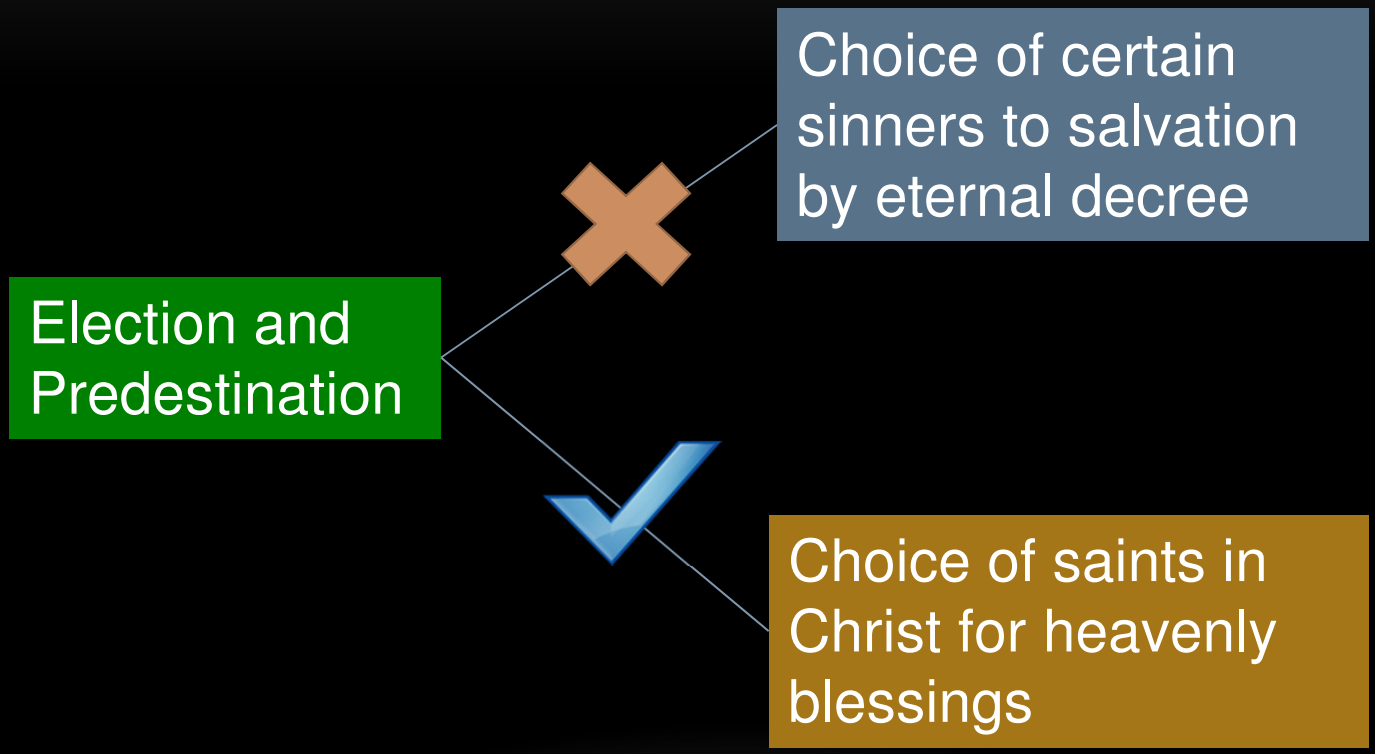
Total Depravity = Total Inability

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UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION





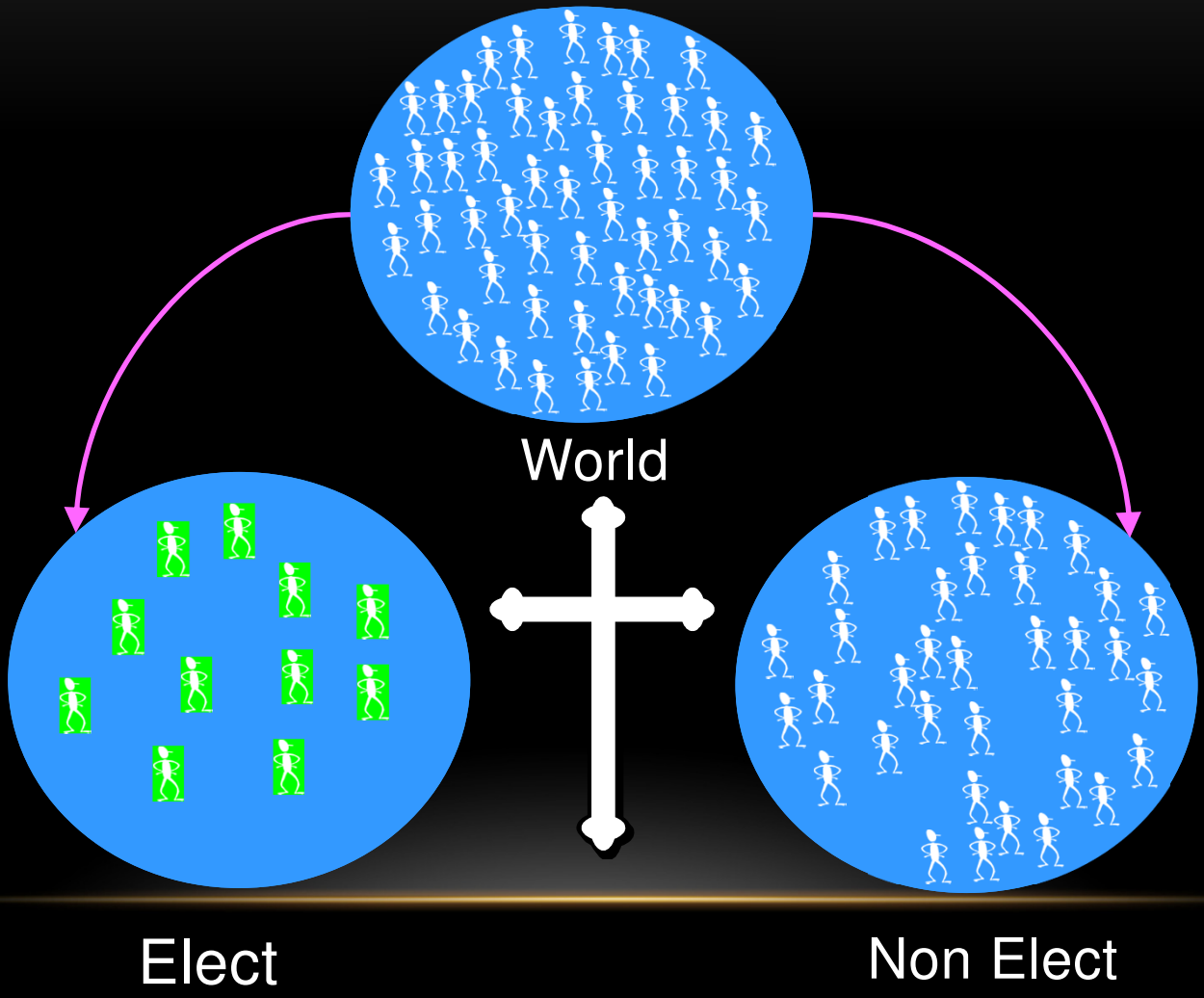
LIMITED ATONEMENT

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Since Christ died only for the elect, salvation is limited to them alone.

LIMITED ATONEMENT

From Calvinism's viewpoint…



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Calvinism's argument…

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Calvinism's References…

Matthew 1:21 *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

John 10:15 *"even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."*

Acts 20:28 *"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."*

Ephesians 5:25 "*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,"*

LIMITED ATONEMENT

Could Christ have died for SOME sins and not for others?

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin*

Romans 6:10 *For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all*

Isaiah 53:10 "*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,…" (NKJV)*

LIMITED ATONEMENT

What saith the Scriptures?	References
“ALL” and ‘WORLD” verses in the NT	2 Cor 5:15; Titus 2:11; Heb 2:9
Christ’s death is ‘Propitiatory’	1 John 2:2; Rom 3:22-25; Heb 2:17
He died for the ‘ungodly’ and the ‘lost’	Rom 5:6; Luke 19:10
He made the ‘payment’ for everyone	2 Pet 2:1
God’s desire for ‘ALL’ to be saved	2 Pet 3:9; 1 Tim 2:3-6

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IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

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Through the Holy Spirit, God draws the elect to salvation such that they willingly believe and repent. They cannot resist His call.

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

Calvinism's References…

John 6:37 *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."*

John 6:44 *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."*

Romans 9:21 "*Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"* **(KJV)**

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

Salvation is the beginning of a LOVE relationship



John 14:23 *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.*

Mark 12:29-30 *Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'*

IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

God pleads with man to repent

Acts 17:30 *"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,"*

Matthew 23:37 *"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."*

Isaiah 1:18 *"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."*

PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS

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Kept by God, the elect persevere to the end and are eternally saved.

Westminster Confession

This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father

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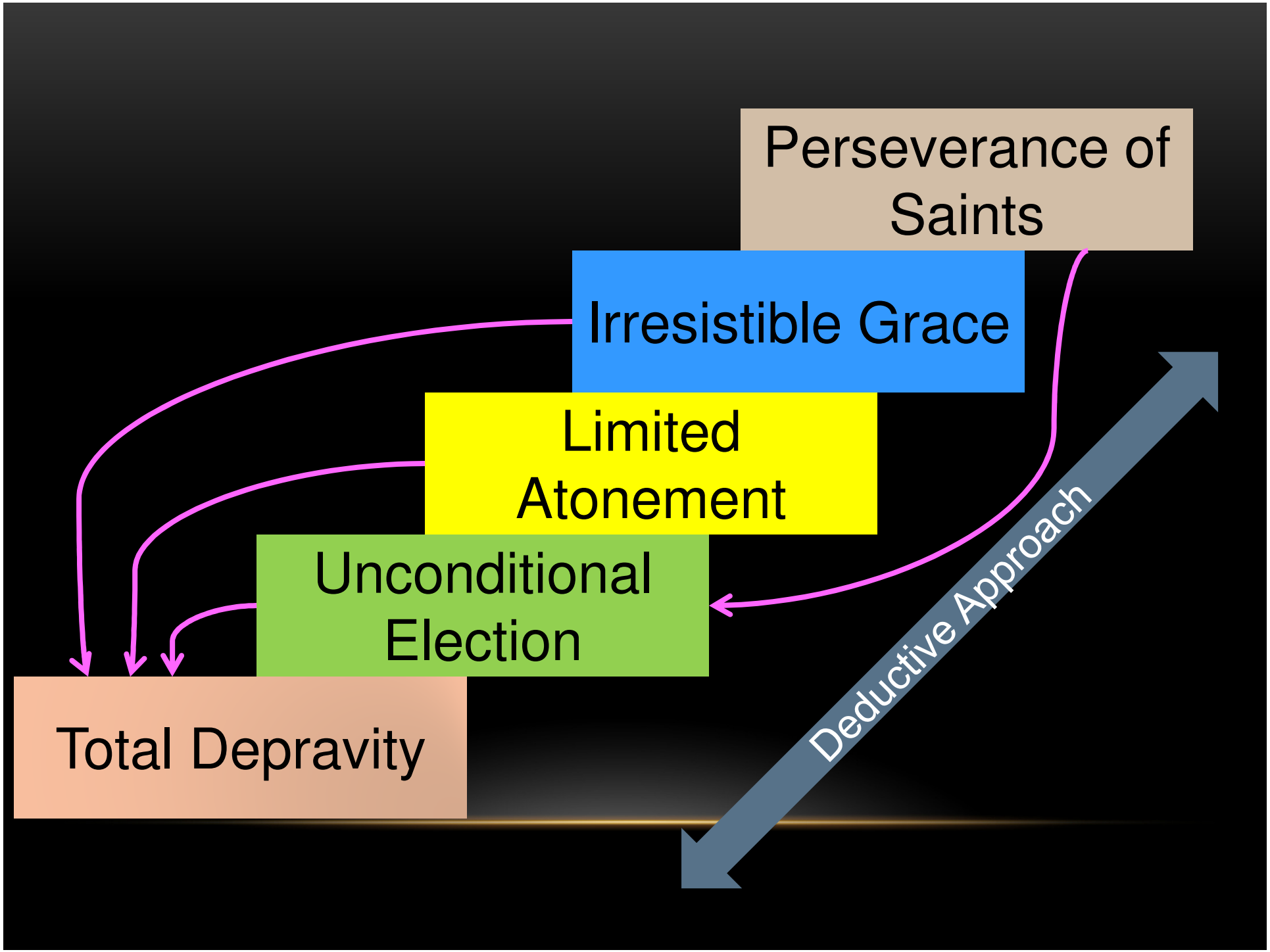
John Calvin's last will and Testament,
April 24th 1564

"I testify and declare, that I suppliantly beg of Him, that He may be pleased so to wash and purify me in the blood which my sovereign redeemer has shed for the sins of the human race, that under His shadow I may be able to stand at the judgment seat"

TULIP	CALVINISM	OUR STAND
Total Depravity	Inability	Depravity
Unconditional Election	Election/Predestination of certain sinners to salvation	Election/Predestination of saints to blessings (according to God's foreknowledge)
Limited Atonement	Christ died for the elect	Christ died for ALL
Irresistible Grace	God's effectual call CANNOT be resisted	God's call and His offer can be resisted
Perseverance of saints	The elect will persevere to prove their election	Eternal security of salvation

DANGERS OF CALVINISM

- Deductive study


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Irresistible Grace
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Deductive Approach

DANGERS OF CALVINISM

- Deductive study
- Convictions affect life practices
- Misrepresents the nature of God
- Calvinism's link to other errors
  - One naturism
  - Infant Baptism
  - Amillennialism