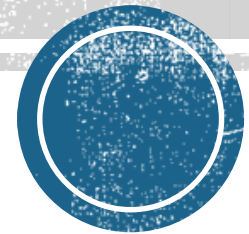


WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Basics of Our Faith





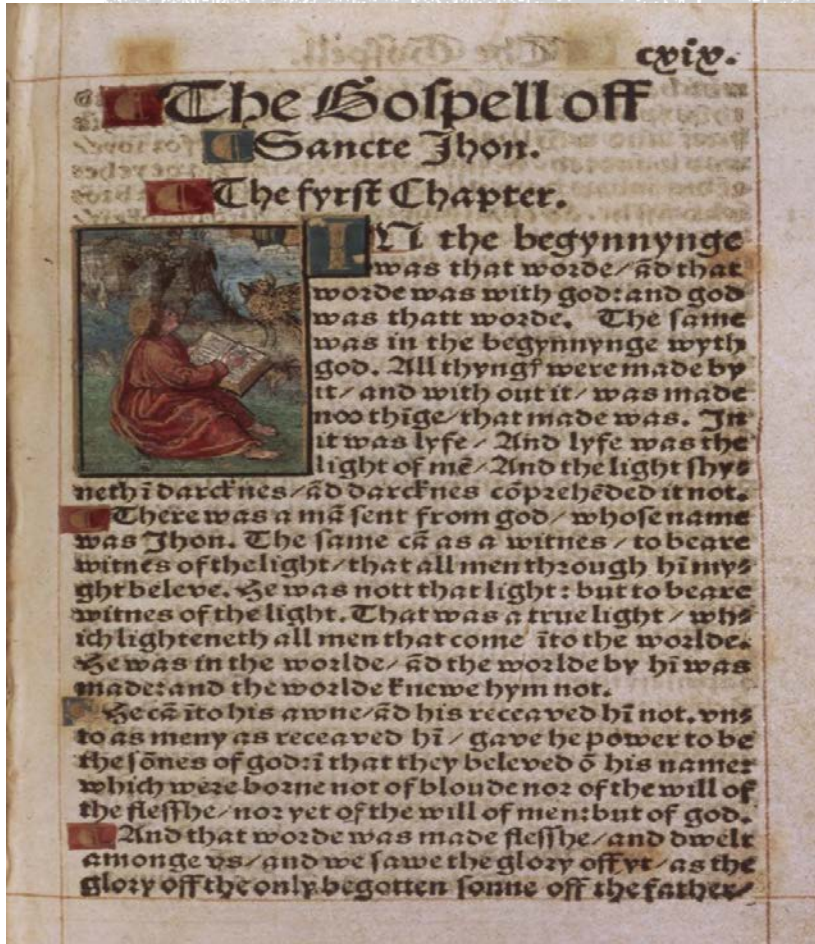
FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM II

Week 9



Outline

Class plan



- Definitions in Theology.
- Reformed theology is systematic
- Sola Scriptura
- Covenant Theology
- *Ordo salutis*
- Faith Alone
- **Five points of Calvinism I,II**
- The Church
- Worship
- Baptism
- The Lord's Supper



14 weeks plan

REVIEW: 5 POINTS I

- Five points of Calvinism are a response to Arminians
- Man-Centered: free will
- God foresees
- Man actions save
- Grace can be lost



Baily, David (1620), *Jacobus Arminius*.

REVIEW: DAISY

1. God foresees and saves according to man's choice to believe (faith is a work)
2. Christ died for all man but only believers are saved
3. Grace is necessary for faith and good deeds
4. Man can resist grace
5. They don't know if truly regenerated will persevere (they can lose their faith and salvation) – this point has been controversial

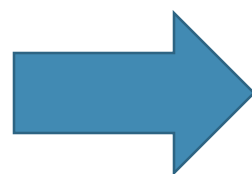




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REVIEW: TULIP

1. **Total Depravity**
2. **Unconditional Election**
3. **Limited Atonement**
4. **Irresistible Grace**
5. **Perseverance of the Saints**



TULIP vs. Daisy





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THIRD POINT OF ARMINIANISM

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Points 150-160 of the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church, 1993

Man decides!





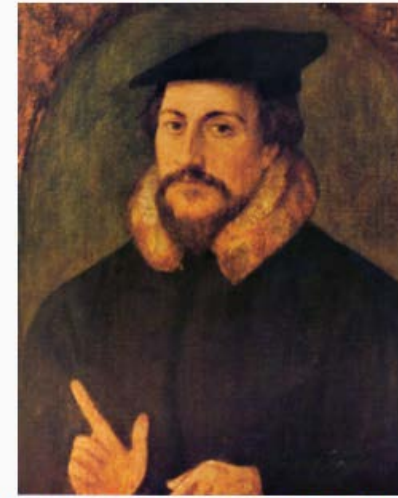
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THIRD POINT OF ARMINIANISM

1. Summary:

- General atonement: Christ died for all
- Man is sovereign
- Christ sacrifice can be in vain, actually, is a failure!





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THIRD POINT OF CALVINISM

1. **Limited Atonement:**

- Christ redeeming work is intended to save the elect only.
- Salvation is secured by the blood of Christ.
- His death is substitutionary. He pays for sinners once and for all.
- Christ sacrifice secured all what is necessary for salvation, included infallible, saving faith.





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THIRD POINT OF CALVINISM

1. Summary:

- Christ died for the elect.
 - God is sovereign.
 - Christ sacrifice cannot fail!
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- Matt. 1:21, 26:28; John 10:14-15, 17:2, **17:9-10**, 17:24, **Rom 5:10**; Gal. 1:3-4





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FOURTH POINT OF ARMINIANISM

If God needs to wait for us, nobody
will be saved!





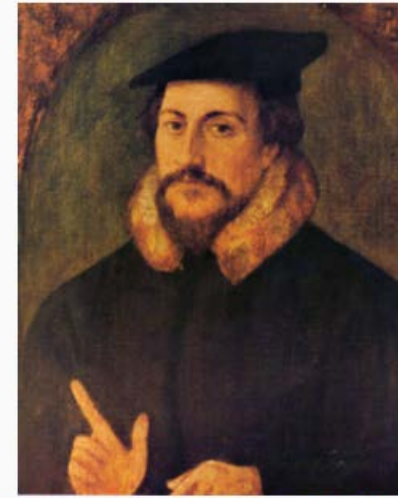
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FOURTH POINT OF CALVINISM

1. Irresistible Grace:

- The inward call is made to all who hear the Gospel, but the Holy Spirit calls the elect with a special inward call that inevitably brings to salvation.
- The external call can be rejected, but the internal call cannot be rejected (remember Paul).
- The Spirit irresistibly draws believers to Christ.
- Call is not limited by man's will. Won't fail!!!





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FOURTH POINT OF CALVINISM

1. Summary:

- Everybody the Spirit regenerates is saved.
- God's grace works effectually only in the elect.
- God never is frustrated in His effort.
- **Ez. 36:26-27; Gal. 1:15-16; Eph. 1:16-17; Eph. 2:8-9;**





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FIFTH POINT OF ARMINIANISM

1. Falling from Grace:

- Those who believe can lose their faith and also salvation.
- Some Arminians do not agree with this point and believe that once regenerated, are saved.





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FIFTH POINT OF ARMINIANISM

1. Summary:

- A person can become a Christian and then fall away.
- Again, the power and free will of God is constraint by the free will of man.





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FIFTH POINT OF CALVINISM

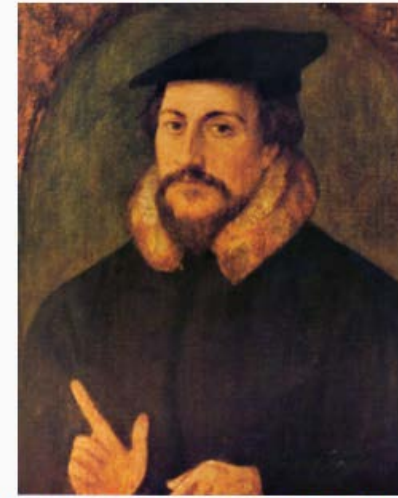
1. Perseverance of the Saints:

- All chosen are redeemed and given faith in the Spirit.
- All believers are eternally saved.
- They are kept in faith by the power of God.
- They will persevere to the end.



Promises in OT and NT





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FIFTH POINT OF CALVINISM

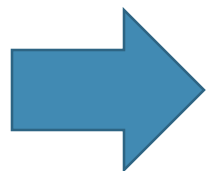
1. Summary:

- Whoever fails was never saved.
 - Invisible and visible church.
 - God does not lose battles!
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- Isa. 54:10; **John 3:36, 6:47; 10:27:30**; Rom 8:30, **8:38-39**; Eph. 4:30; 1 Cor. 1:7-9.



CONCLUSION (PACKER, AGAIN)

- Only one point of Calvinism: God saves sinners
- Three persons working together in sovereign wisdom power and love to achieve the salvation of a chosen people
- Father elects, Son fulfills redemption, Spirit executes by renewing



Saving means everything, from first to last, from death to life, from dust to glory (Sproul), AMEN!!!



POINTS...

ARMINIANISM: DAISY*

D: *Diminished depravity* – Humanity is depraved, but God uses prevenient grace to restore man's ability to respond to Him.

A: *Abrogated election* – God bases His election on His foreknowledge of those who freely choose Him.

I: *Impersonal atonement* – Christ died for everyone, making salvation possible for everyone.

S: *Sedentary grace* – God calls everyone to salvation, but many freely reject it.

Y: *Yieldable justification* – The saved can fall from grace and lose their salvation.

*The DAISY acronym is much harder to pin down as there are several different versions (I'll discuss another when analyzing Arminianism). Also, many Arminians do not like the acrostic. Several versions of DAISY have been pushed by Calvinists as caricatures of Arminian theology. Many Calvinists seem to also enjoy making the lame joke that the Arminian flower is a daisy because they pull the petals off saying, "God loves me. He loves me not."

<http://thewardrobedoor.com/2010/08/theological-flower-bed-tulip-daisy-roses.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Molinism>

Luis de Molina, Jesuit priest, 1535-1600

MOLINISM: ROSES*

R: *Radical depravity* – Every aspect of humanity is depraved, but we are not always as bad as we could be.

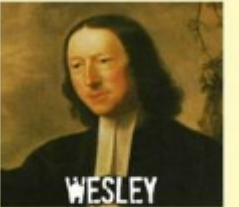
O: *Overcoming grace* – God's grace is persistent in the life of the believer, but it can be resisted.

S: *Sovereign election* – God desires the salvation of all, but our salvation is based on His choice not ours.

E: *Eternal life* – God grants believers eternal security in their salvation.

S: *Singular redemption* – Christ died sufficiently for all people, but efficiently only for the saved.

*Timothy George, a Calvinist Baptist, uses the same acrostic as Kenneth Keathley, a Molinist. The differences lie in the way the terms are defined. I will focus on the Molinist understanding as we will discuss the various forms and moderations of Calvinism with the TULIP.



ACURA

All Are Sinful
Conditional Election
Unlimited Atonement
Resistible Grace
Assurance of Salvation

NEXT WEEK:

- The Church

