"CALVINISM" – PT 2

UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION (PREDESTINATION)



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CALVINISM AND THE SELLING OF INDULGENCES

- Martin Luther and John Calvin were deeply disturbed by the selling of indulgences by representatives of the Roman Catholic church.
- This placed an *inordinate emphasis on man's role* in salvation.
- Man cannot *purchase or merit salvation*, nor can forgiveness be sold.
- Early reformers turned to the teachings of Augustine of Hippo to counter this error.

5 POINTS OF CALVINISM



T otal Depravity

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TOTAL DEPRAVITY AND UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

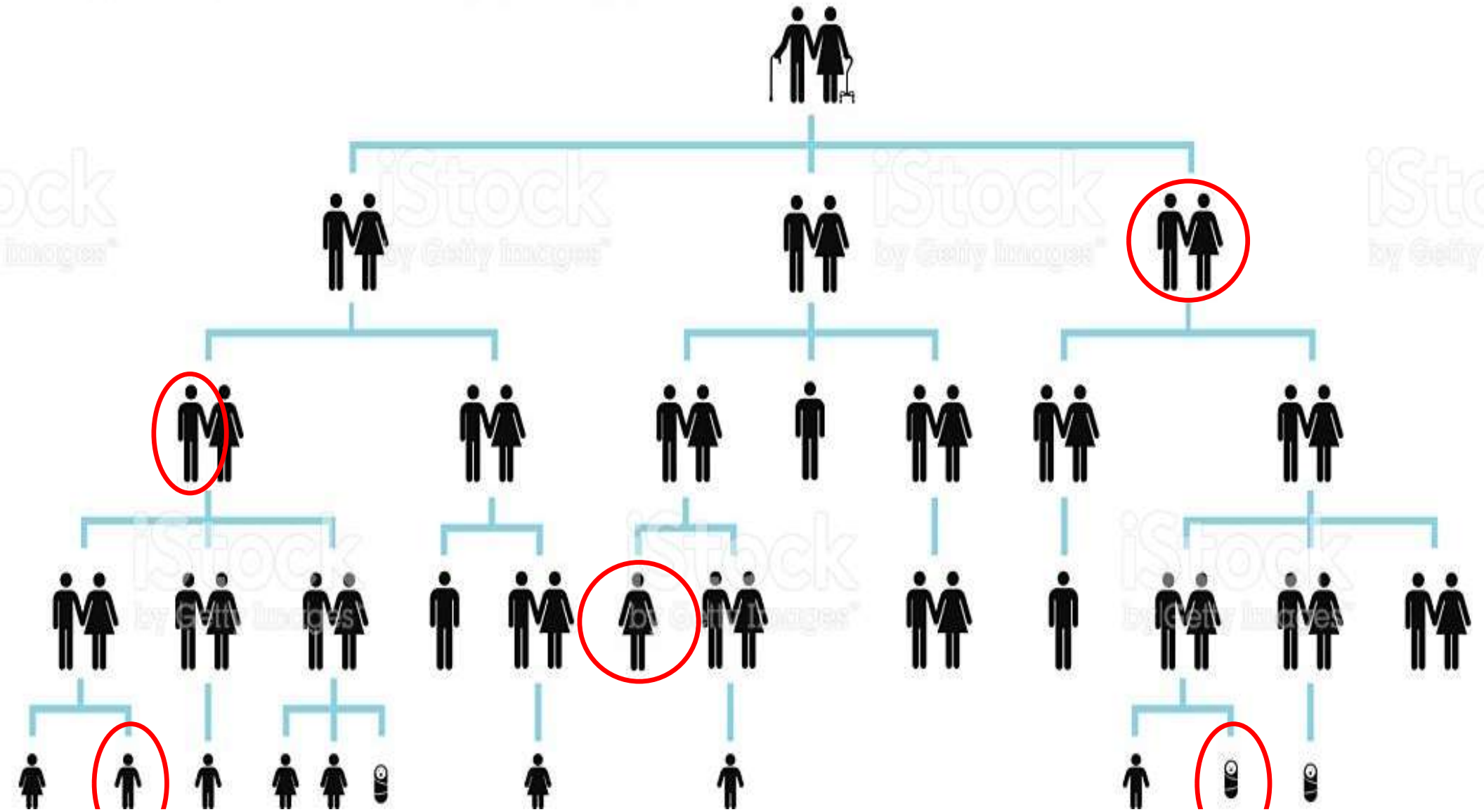
- Calvin taught that mankind was so totally and completely marred by Adam's sin that we are totally unable to hear, comprehend, respond or obey the "outer call" of the Gospel.
- This removes mankind completely from the equation. Man's efforts to buy indulgences (and therefore to sell indulgences) were completely annulled.
- If man has no "free will" he cannot do anything to be saved, including purchasing indulgences. God saves by grace, and grace alone!
- According to Calvinism, God, according to His good will and pleasure has created and foreordained certain people to saved and certain others to be lost and this "election" cannot and will not be altered in any way.

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"All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestinated to life or to death."

UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION (DEFINED)

- *The Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.* says, "God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass … By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestined unto life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their number is so certain and definite it cannot be either increased or diminished." (Chap. III)



INFANTS, DEPRAVITY AND UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION



- Last week we discussed the consequences of Total Depravity and infants and children.
- Catholicism taught that miscarried children, infants and children who perish before baptism were condemned.
- Calvinism places this squarely at the feet of God, either He has elected them to salvation, or He has elected them to damnation.

THE BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION



Romans 8:28-30 NKJV

(28) And we know that all
things work together for good
to those who love God, to those
who are the called according to
His purpose. (29) For whom
He foreknew, He also
predestined *to be* conformed to
the image of His Son, that He
might be the firstborn among
many brethren. (30) Moreover
whom He predestined, these
He also called; whom He
called, these He also justified;
and whom He justified, these
He also glorified.

Answering "Affirmative Arguments for Unconditional Election

WHAT IS *THE* ISSUE?

1. It is not that God has elected people to be saved, He has!
2. It is not that God made this election before the foundation of the world, He did!
3. It is not that man can in any way *earn or merit salvation,* he cannot!
4. The issue: Was God's election based upon "any foreseen response or act performed by those chosen?"
5. Does man *exercise any role* in salvation?

Deuteronomy 10:14-16 NKJV

(14) Indeed heaven and
the highest heavens
belong to the LORD your
God, *also* the earth with
all that *is* in it. (15) The
LORD delighted only in
your fathers, to love them;
and He chose their
descendants after them,
you above all peoples, as
it is this
day. (16) Therefore
circumcise the foreskin of
your heart, and be stiff-
necked no longer.

Romans 9:10-13 NKJV

(10) And not only *this,* but when
Rebecca also had conceived by
one man, *even* by our father
Isaac (11) (for *the children* not
yet being born, nor having done
any good or evil, that the
purpose of God according to
election might stand, not of
works but of Him who
calls), (12) it was said to her,
"THE OLDER SHALL SERVE
THE YOUNGER." (13) As it is
written, "JACOB I HAVE
LOVED, BUT ESAU I HAVE
HATED."

Romans 9:14-16 NKJV

(14) What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! (15) For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE COMPASSION." (16) So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Romans 9:22-24 NKJV

(22) What if God, wanting to
show *His* wrath and to make
His power known, endured
with much longsuffering the
vessels of wrath prepared
for destruction, (23) and
that He might make known
the riches of His glory on
the vessels of mercy, which
He had prepared
beforehand for
glory, (24) even us whom
He called, not of the Jews
only, but also of the
Gentiles?

Romans 10:19-20 NKJV

(19) But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I WILL PROVOKE YOU TO JEALOUSY BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT A NATION, I WILL MOVE YOU TO ANGER BY A FOOLISH NATION." (20) But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME; I WAS MADE MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."

Romans 10:8-10 NKJV

(8) But what does it say?
"THE WORD IS NEAR YOU,
IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN
YOUR HEART" (that is, the
word of faith which we
preach): (9) that if you
confess with your mouth the
Lord Jesus and believe in
your heart that God has
raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved. (10) For
with the heart one believes
unto righteousness, and with
the mouth confession is
made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10-13 NKJV

(11) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. (13) For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

Romans 10:14-15 NKJV

(14) How then shall they call
on Him in whom they have
not believed? And how shall
they believe in Him of whom
they have not heard? And
how shall they hear without
a preacher? (15) And how
shall they preach unless they
are sent? As it is written:
"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE
THE FEET OF THOSE
WHO PREACH THE
GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO
BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF
GOOD THINGS!"

Romans 10:16-18 NKJV

(16) But they have not all
obeyed the gospel. For
Isaiah says, "LORD,
WHO HAS BELIEVED
OUR REPORT?" (17) So
then faith *comes* by
hearing, and hearing by
the word of
God. (18) But I say, have
they not heard? Yes
indeed: "THEIR SOUND
HAS GONE OUT TO ALL
THE EARTH, AND
THEIR WORDS TO THE
ENDS OF THE WORLD."

Romans 10:19-20 NKJV

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Romans 10:21 NKJV

(21) But to Israel he says:
"ALL DAY LONG I HAVE
STRETCHED OUT MY
HANDS TO A
DISOBEDIENT AND
CONTRARY PEOPLE."

A BIBLICAL REFUTATION OF UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION



Romans 11:17-19 NKJV

Some *natural* branches were broken off, and wild branches were grafted in; “Election” is not fixed and certain.

(17) And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, (18) do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root supports you. (19) You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

Romans 11:20-22 NKJV

Because of *unbelief* they were broken off, and you stand by faith.

He may not spare you either.

"on those who *fell, severity;"* From what did they fall?

(20) Well *said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. (21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. (22) Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

Romans 11:30-33 NKJV

You have obtained mercy through their *disobedience.*

For God has committed them all to disobedience, *that He might have mercy on all.*

(30) For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, (31) even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. (32) For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. (33) Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Ezekiel 18:19-20 NKJV

He *can* do right

and *if he does right*

he will live!

(19) "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. (20) The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Isaiah 55:6-8 NKJV

(6) Seek the LORD while He
may be found, Call upon
Him while He is
near. (7) Let the wicked
forsake his way, And the
unrighteous man his
thoughts; Let him return to
the LORD, And He will have
mercy on him; And to our
God, For He will abundantly
pardon. (8) "For My
thoughts *are* not your
thoughts, Nor *are* your ways
My ways," says the LORD.

Acts 10:34-37 NKJV

(34) Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. (35) But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. (36) The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— (37) that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

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