

CALVINISM

BASIC IDEAS

- **“ORIGINAL SIN” OF ADAM, PASSED ON/INHERITED BY NEXT GENERATION.**
- **BELIEVED FREE WILL WAS DESTROYED BY ORIGINAL SIN – SO ONE’S POWER TO YIELD TO THE WILL OF GOD WAS LOST FOREVER.**
- **YET, GOD, IN HIS SOVEREIGN WILL, PRE-DETERMINED SOME TO SALVATION (ELECT) AND OTHERS TO CONDEMNATION.**

- **SINNERS, THUS, HELPLESS TO BELIEVE UNLESS GOD, BY MEANS OF THE DIRECT OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OPENS HIS HEART AND EMPOWERS HIM WITH THE GRACE TO BELIEVE. UPON WHOM IS THIS POWER Poured OUT? THE ELECT.**
- **THIS OPERATION INVOLVES A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE.**

- **IF A PERSON IS DECREED TO BE SAVED, TO BE PART OF THE ELECT, THEN HE CAN NEVER BE LOST, REGARDLESS.**
- **THIS SYSTEM IS ONE REASON INFANT BAPTISM AND SPRINKLING HAVE BEEN PART OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS.**

WHAT ARE TEXTS USED?

- **PSALM 51:5**
- **ROMANS 3:10-18; 8:1-8**
- **EPHESIANS 2:1-3**
- **PSALM 14:1-4**
- **JEREMIAH 17:9**
- **JEREMIAH 13:23**

QUESTIONS

- **WHY POPULAR, EVEN NOW? MOTIVES?**
- **HOW HAS THIS SYSTEM AFFECTED THE CHURCH?**
- **DOES THIS SYSTEM RELATE TO EVOLUTION?**
- **IS EVERYTHING ALREADY DETERMINED?**