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Irresistible Grace
Calvinism, Pt. 6

We are continuing in our series on Five Points Calvinism, also known as Reformed Theology.

We have seen that the first three points of the acronym TULIP are not Biblical, never being found in the Bible, but are an invention in the minds of men who are committed more to the Institutes of Calvin than to the word of God.

1. The depravity of man is taught, but not “Total Depravity” as defined and taught by Calvinist.
2. Election is taught for service or blessing, but not “Unconditional Election” of the select few, as taught by Calvinist.
3. The Atonement is taught for all sinners, the world, not “Limited Atonement” only for the “Unconditionally Elected”, as taught by Calvinist.
4. The fourth point of Calvinism also has an added prefix that is unbiblical and never found in the Bible “Irresistible Grace”.

Now we want to look at the fourth point of Calvinism, “Irresistible Grace” from three aspects:

- I. The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace”.
- II. The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” is not the grace of God.

III. The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” is unscriptural.

I. The doctrine of irresistible grace.

- A. The fourth point of the Calvinistic acronym TULIP teaches that no person can resist the grace of God to be saved, which is imposed by His sovereign will upon those whom He has predestined to eternal life.
 1. The logical conclusion is based on the previous three points.
 - a. Since man is totally depraved, having no “ability” to respond to the gospel, he cannot have any part of salvation at all, particularly to respond.
 - b. Therefore God “Unconditionally elected” those He chose to eternal life, while choosing to damn the majority of humanity.
 - c. Having “elected some to eternal life unconditionally” the atonement of Christ is “limited for them”.
 - d. Therefore no person predestinated by God’s election can “resist the grace of God”, they will be regenerated without faith, understanding or even knowing it is happening to them.
 - 1) The first point “Total Depravity” necessitated “Irresistible Grace” to forcibly save a person.

- 2) Warfield called Irresistible Grace “the hinge of Calvinistic soteriology.” (Vance:478)
- 3) You could never come up with this if just read the New Testament!
- 2. Piper says that man must first be born again of God. Then, with the new nature of God, he immediately receives Christ. The two acts (regeneration and faith) are so closely connected that in experience we cannot distinguish them...new birth is the effect of irresistible grace...an act of sovereign creation...(Hunt:286)
 - a. The first thing to note is the unbiblical order of the new birth of Piper, due to his Calvinistic theology that teaches a person is regenerated first, second faith is exercised to receive Christ and third salvation takes place.
 - b. The Bible teaches faith comes first then a person is regenerated by the Holy Spirit, imputing Christ’s righteousness to us. Rom. 4:22-24; 10:17; Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:5
* The New Testament nowhere teaches two births, as Calvinists!
 - c. One of the leading spokesmen of Calvinism R. C. Sproul declares, “A cardinal point of Reformed theology is the maxim, “Regeneration precedes faith” . (Chosen By God:10)

- 3. The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” can be traced back to Augustine’s influence.
 - a. Boettner said, “This cardinal truth of Christianity “Irresistible Grace” was first clearly seen by Augustine. (Boettner, Hunt:285)
 - b. Baptist followers state, “Augustine may be regarded as the father of the stereological system, which now goes by the name of Calvinism or Reformed Theology.”
 - c. Sproul even says, “Augustinianism is presently called Calvinism or Reformed Theology.” (Hunt:285)
- 4. The interesting thing to know is that Augustine once taught free will and that God desired to save all mankind, but later changed his mind.
 - a. Faith became something that God irresistibly bestowed upon the elect without having believed anything or having made any decision or even having been aware that they were being regenerated. This is like Greek determinism.
 - b. This unbiblical premise and theory Calvinists cling to contradicts our Lord’s call to all men, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”. Matt. 11:28

- c. Again as we have noted Calvinist substitutes the word “elect” for all the texts that offer salvation to all, which is a willful corruption of the text!
- d. The simple questions have to be asked, If grace is irresistible, then why do we need to preach the gospel? Why even preoccupy oneself with the concern of people being lost, if God predestined them to not be saved?

B. Calvinism misrepresents the God of the Bible.

1. God is presented as unjust by not giving equal opportunity to all to be saved.
2. God is presented as uncompassionate by choosing some and rejecting others, then holding them responsible for what they were unable to respond to by His own decree, holding them accountable.
 - a. This portrays God as a cantankerous, capricious and horrible tyrant.
 - b. He is depicted as unreasonable, unloving and unholy by virtue of His choices and deeds.
3. The mention of certain attributes of God are repeated throughout the Bible in the following way, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in

goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.” Ex. 34:6-7; 2Chron. 30:9; Neh. 9:17, 31; Ps. 86:15; 111:4; 112:4; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2

- a. The major problem with the Calvinist doctrine is the over-emphasis on God’s sovereignty, at the exclusion of His love violating His attributes.
- b. The love of God that motivated and prompted Him to sacrifice His Son for sinners, never violating His holiness, but justifying it by a real payment, death and resurrection. Jn. 3:16
- c. The word love in relations to God and man is a key focus of the Bible.
 - 1) The word **love** appears 598 times.
 - 2) The word **loved** appears 139 times.
 - 3) The word **loves** appears 95 times.
 - 4) Wouldn’t it be a bit contradictory for God to command man to love God with all his heart, mind and soul, also to love his neighbor as himself and then God not do the same to all mankind!
- e. Nowhere in Scripture do we find any support for the idea that God takes

pleasure in damning His creatures, but just the opposite.

1) “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’” Ezk. 33:11

2) Yet Calvinists have no problem writing and stating that God took pleasure in the damnation of the majority of mankind!

4. According to Calvinism and the doctrine of “Irresistible Grace”, God’s pleading through grace, love and longsuffering is a sham because not all can respond except the “elect”.

- a. The elect don’t need them.
- b. The non-elect can’t heed them.
- c. The elect must be infused with irresistible grace, while the rest of mankind is damned without remedy.

C. The foundational mistake of Calvinism is to deny the free will of man.

1. A Calvinist D. A. Carson states, “If Christ died for all people with exactly the same intent... then surely it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the ultimate distinguishing mark between those who

are saved and those who are not is their own decision, their own will. That is surely grounds for boasting.” (Hunt:290)

a. How is this biblical, it isn’t!
 b. Calvinist follow the false belief of Martin Luther’s Bondage of The Will, and Augustinian theology, man being unable to respond to the gospel, this is Catholic theology.

c. **God always initiates** through the preaching of the gospel, illuminates and convicts sinners that they respond to the work of grace in their hearts, as taught by the Parable of the Sower!

2. If salvation is a gift and it is, how can it be received and love returned without the ability to choose?

* Just to have the ability to say “no” by God’s imposed inability to say yes is meaningless, a person has to have the ability and choice to say yes or no!

3. The arguments of Calvinists are unsound and embarrassing to the teaching of Scripture.

a. One says, “If God’s grace can be successfully resisted, then God can be overcome...(Hunt:291)

* Where is this stated in the Bible?

b. The ability of God is to be just and the justifier of sinners, it has nothing to do with His forcing people to be

saved, who would otherwise reject salvation.

- c. Calvinism by “Irresistible grace” teaches that God forces “grace” upon individuals, even if they might want to go to Hell!
 - 1) The word “grace” appears 170 times in the Bible, not one time is it “Irresistibly” imposed, but freely and willingly received.
 - 2) The first time says, “Noah found grace in the sight of the LORD.” Gen. 6:8
- d. The ultimate insult to God is that He Himself caused the fall of Adam by not predestinating Adam to resist, but rather to fall, making God the author of sin and evil!!!
 - 1) You have to judge the authoritative statements of Calvinist examining them by the Scriptures and the attributes of God, to think critical and not just be a “quacking duck”!
 - 2) They justify “Irresistible Grace” saying God’s will is always done, based on His sovereign, singular, eternal, all-encompassing decree.
 - 3) Calvinist divide God’s will into His secret will and revealed will.
- 4. The Scriptures are full of evidence over God’s broken heart over the choice of the

people contrary to His will, exposing the doctrine of irresistible grace false.

- a “Oh, that my people would listen to Me...! I would soon subdue their enemies...”. Ps. 81:13-14
- b. “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, **choose** for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Josh. 24:15
- c. “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, Did it bring forth wild grapes?” Is. 5:3-4
- d. “Yet the children of your people say, ‘The way of the LORD is not fair.’ But it is their way, which is not fair! When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. Yet you say,

'The way of the LORD is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

Ezk. 33:17-20

- e. "Jesus wept over Jerusalem saying, "How many times I want to gather your children together...and you would not". Matt. 23:37
- f. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38-39
* We could talk about God's permissive will and God's perfect will, like in the life of Hezekiah when he pouted and God gave him fifteen more years! 2Kings 20:1-6
- g. The phrase "Irresistible Grace" like the preceding three points of TULIP is not found in the Bible, but a figment of their imagination!

5. How interesting that Calvinist teach sinful man cannot resist the grace of God for salvation, yet once they are saved they now are capable to resist the grace of God and commit sin, failing to live up to his new nature and son-ship?

- a. What a contradiction, think about it!
 - 1) By all logic they should be able to live perfect, having no need of a mediator? 1Jn. 2:2
 - 2) So he has no part to be saved, but he has a part while being saved, which is it, you cannot have it both ways!
 - 3) The Psalmist says Israel limited the Holy One of Israel. Ps. 78:41
- b. Did not Paul recognize that Grace was "resistible" when he cried over Israel that they be saved or was he ignorant to "Irresistible Grace"? Rom. 10:1
- c. We are to walk in the Spirit that we not fulfill the desires of the flesh, the implication being clear we can resist the grace of God. Gal. 5:16
- d. "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always **resist** the Holy Spirit; as your fathers [did], so do you. Acts 7:51
* The Holy Spirit is called the "Spirit of Grace". Heb. 10:29

Illustration

The doctrine of "Irresistible Grace" if it is true is no evidence of man's love for God because he has no choice in the matter, much like forcing a woman to marry you, giving her no choice!

* Or if you told your son before you left to work, “Today I don’t want you going anywhere, I want you to not leave this room”. And when you came home you would find your son there in the room as you told him. Then you would say, “Son you are so obedient and you really do love me! Then you would proceed to untie your son from the couch. He had no choice!

The doctrine of “Irresistible Grace” is an unbiblical Grace!

II. The doctrine of Irresistible grace is not the grace of God.

A. Man is reduced to a puppet in the hands of God.

- 1.** J. I. Packer clearly stated his Calvinist position when he says, “God loves all in some ways (everyone whom He creates...receives many underserved good gifts...) He loves some in all ways (that is...he brings them to faith, to new life and to glory according to his predestinating purposes). (Hunt:319)
 - a.** What kind of God gives temporary benefits on earth to those he has predestined to eternal doom?
 - b.** Jesus said, “What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and loose his soul?” Matt. 16:26

- c.** Jesus exposes the contradiction of J. I. Packer’s statement, for if God gave lost man these material possession, while all along he was predestined to damnation, why would Jesus be pointing out the lack of eternal profit?
- 2.** The Calvinist limits the love of God to a select few, while the Bible teaches God’s love is for all. Jn. 3:16; 1Jn. 2:2
 - a.** Calvinists say, “Reprobation is God’s eternal, sovereign, unconditional, immutable, wise, holy, and mysterious decree whereby, in electing some to eternal life, He passes other by, and then justly condemns them for their own sin—all to His won glory...”(Hunt:311)
 - b.** “By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated to everlasting life; and others foreordained to everlasting death...God has appointed the elect to glory...The rest of mankind God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will...for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures...to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin, to the praise of His glorious justice”. (Hunt:311)

3. The invention of this doctrine is based on human reasoning imposed on the Bible.
 - a. It is a one-sided emphasis at the exclusion of human responsibility.
 - b. It is not true to the Gospel message nor the historical evidence of the life situation of Christians.
 - c. The continual cover-up of Calvin's life at Geneva and how he imposed this theory of his upon the people, the injustice to many, not to mention the impossibility of the people to live up to his ideal city of God, stated in our study "Calvinism and John Calvin".
 - * They do so to protect their theology!

B. The Great Commission is made demeaning.

1. How can any man go to preach the Gospel to the whole world, knowing that not all can respond to the gospel.
 - a. Being unable to hear, understand or respond, unless "unconditionally elected".
 - b. Not needing to hear, understand or believe because they cannot resist grace.
 - * It would be like preaching to a crowd that you knew half were deaf and you still held them responsible for not responding!

2. The doctrine removes the urgency of the time and the peril of man regarding eternity.
 - a. If "Irresistible Grace" is based on "Unconditional election", then God has already chosen.
 - b. The rational would be that man is already saved or damned, it cannot be altered.
 - c. No man can change man's destiny then, due to the decrees of God.
3. The teaching of "irresistible Grace" is based on the fact that man is dead in trespasses and sin, interpreted by Calvin and Calvinists to be like a dead corpse.
 - a. But nowhere is this taught in the Bible that man is dead like a corpse, Dr. John MacArthur builds of a "straw man", accusing everyone who is not a Calvinist of Pelagianism, denying the doctrine of original sin through the fall of Adam affecting every person born mankind or Semi-Pelagianism that man starts to process and God then enters the work of salvation.
 - b. Man is dead spiritually in trespasses and sins, but he is alive physically. Eph. 2:1-2
 - c. Man is not dead morally, so God holds him responsible, even though

his bent or propensity is to sin, due to his sin nature. Jer. 17:9

- d. Man is said to be able to understand between right and wrong by a conscience and knowing a Creator exists by creation. Rom. 1:20; 2:14-15
* Yet man cannot use any moral or ethical work to merit salvation!
- e. So to conclude that man cannot understand the gospel when it is preached because he is dead spiritually is more subjective interpretation, rather than on objective truth of the Scriptures.
* Again, how could God hold man responsible for something he is unable to understand, unless he is one of the “elect”?
- f. If mankind is not morally responsible, why then will God judge man for his evil deeds? Wouldn't God be unjust and unfair?
* The White Throne Judgment will hold all of mankind who has rejected the gospel for salvation accountable for every thought, word and deed. Rev. 20:11-15
 - 1) If these individuals were predestined for damnation by God, then they are only doing what God decreed for them to do.

- 2) If God judged them for doing what He had decreed, wouldn't He be unjust.
 - 3) If God had predestined them for damnation without ever giving them the ability to choose, how can He hold them responsible?
 - g. The Ten Commandments would have been useless, yet people who are not born again understand the ten Commandments, they just can't keep them or obey them to perfection or life style as sinners.
 - h. It would be totally irrational of God to command His servant to preach the gospel to “every creature” knowing they would be incapable of understanding or believing it.
- C. The fall brought spiritual death to Adam and Eve.
- 1. Did Adam understand when God spoke to him after he had experienced spiritual death? Yes! Gen. 3:7-13
 - a. Then the eyes of both of them were **opened**, and they **knew** that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. vs. 7
 - b. And they **heard** the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in

- the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. vs. 8
- c. Then the LORD God **called to Adam** and said to him, “Where are you?” vs. 9
- d. So he said, “**I heard Your voice** in the garden, and **I was afraid** because **I was naked**; and **I hid myself.**” vs. 10
- e. And He said, “**Who told you** that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” vs. 11
- f. Then the man said, “The **woman whom You gave** to be with me, **she gave me** of the tree, and I ate.”
* Adam was the first “Calvinist” blaming God for the Fall!
- g. “And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**” vs. 13
- 1) Adam and Eve were spiritually dead, but physically alive able to understand and respond to the word of God!
 - 2) God did not make the sacrifice till verse 21 and made tunics for them!

2. All men inherited the consequences of Adam’s sin, death and sin-nature.
 - a. Therefore all mankind is in the very same condition as Adam after the fall, spiritually dead, but physically alive.
 - b. Every person then is able to respond like Adam to the word of God after his fall. A presidential case of first mention.
 - c. Where in the Bible does it say or teach man cannot understand or respond, except by “Irresistible Grace”? Nowhere!
 - d. Only in the minds of Calvinists and Reform theologians who subjectively interpret the Scriptures by forcing their theory of TULIP, doing violence to the nature of the Scriptures and God!
3. Spiritually dead men can understand and respond when God speaks to man through His word.
 - a. Isaiah says, “Come let’s reason together... Is. 1:18
 - b. Paul reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. Acts 18:4
 - c. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. 2Cor. 5:11

- d. Paul to the Ephesians says, “Awake you who sleep, Arise from the dead”. Eph. 5:14
- 1) Those who are dead are being told to arise, but according to Calvinism the dead cannot be addressed much less respond, unless “Unconditionally Elected”.
* Who are you going to believe?
 - 2) The late Dave Hunt in his book, What Love Is This, points out that none of the thirteen Calvinist authors of the essays which comprise *Still Sovereign*, even mentions this passage, Eph. 5:14 and states that Vance is unable to quote any Calvinist. (Hunt:321)
- e. Salvation by “Irresistible Grace” of Calvinism is not the Grace God offers in the Bible, it is a different gospel for the simple fact that it is limited to a few instead of to all sinners.
* Few will be those in heaven was the response of Jesus, but not because God has limited the number by “Irresistible Grace”, but due to man’s rejection of “Grace” that excludes no one! Matt. 7:13-14;
Lk. 13:23-28

Salvation is a gift of God and for a gift to be appropriated and enjoyed, it must be received willingly, it cannot be forced on a person!

* No one would ever think of saying to a person giving them a birthday gift, “How much do I owe you!” having receive it, they can’t boast!

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III. The doctrine of Irresistible grace is unscriptural.

- A. One of the favorite Scriptures of many Calvinist is in John’s gospel. Jn. 6:37, 39, 40, 44
 1. Calvinist go way beyond what the text says, reading into it their Calvinistic acronym.
 - a. One of their leading proponents says, “The Lord Jesus beat Calvin to the punch by 1500 years with His preaching in the synagogue recorded in John 6.” (Hunt:329) **Really!**
 - b. White says, “All that the Father gives me will come to me...” The action of giving by the Father *comes before* the action of coming to Christ by the individual. And since *all* those so given *infallibly* come, we have here both unconditional election and

Illustration

irresistible grace...in the space of nine words.” (Hunt:328-9)

- c. Amazingly “Unconditional Election” and “Irresistibly Grace” are found by White, Yarbrough, Piper, D. A. Carson and J. I. Packer, even though the words are nowhere to be found.
2. Let’s examine the text.
- a. “All that the Father gives Me” (*not all He draws*) “will come to Me.” vs. 37a
 - b. “and the one who comes to Me” (*not everyone the Father draws*) “I will by no means cast out.” vs. 37b
 - c. “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me” (*not all who He draws*) “I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.” vs. 39
 - d. “And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him (*not all who are drawn*) “may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” vs. 40
 - e. “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day” (*all who will be raised up have been drawn, but not all who have been drawn will be raised up, due to not believing*). vs. 44

- 3. If you read the entire text carefully, you will note that Christ does not say that all whom the Father draws, **but all whom He gives to the Son**, will come to Him, and He will lose none of them whom the Father gives Him; they will all be raised at the last day.
 - a. God foreknows all things and therefore knows who would believe in Him and who would reject the gospel.
 - b. Those who believe are those who the Father has given to the Son.
 - c. There is nothing in the text to teach that God selected a few and chose not to save the rest of mankind.
 - d. The text in no way says that everyone who is drawn will actually come to Him and be saved!
 - e. Every Christian agrees that God enables all men and women to come to Christ and be saved drawing us by His Holy Spirit, this is basic, but distinct from only the “elect few”!
- B. The consistency of God’s word.
- 1. God’s love, compassion and mercy for Israel and the whole world.
 - 2. God offers salvation to all mankind, without respect of person.
 - 3. No one would question Faith precedes regeneration for salvation, but Calvinists.

4. Scripture interprets Scripture and Scripture does not contradict itself.
5. Scripture must be viewed in the full council of God and not in stacking Scriptures.
6. Good inductive study that focuses on objective truth recorded in the text is superior to subjective interpretation to prove one's point out of context.
* Eisegesis versus exegesis!
7. The majority of the parables focus on an invitation and a response of the will and the consequences of rejection or neglect.

C. The contradiction of Calvinism or Reform theology to God's word is clear.

1. The Calvinist use clever language and give emphasis on "God's effectual calling" for those regenerated by "irresistible grace" being "unconditionally Elected" and the "general calling" for those who are predestinated to damnation, which is really a mock invitation, if they cannot respond or be saved.
 - a. There is a given emphasis on "God's effectual call", but the contrary order of the related words foreknowledge, election, predestination, and sanctification occur not just once, but several times.

- b. In Matthew 20:16 and 22:14, calling comes before "election", but in Romans 8:29 it is after predestination.
 - c. In Acts 2:23 foreknowledge comes after the supposed predestination, but in 1 Peter 1:2 and Romans 8:29 it doesn't.
 - d. In 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and 1 Peter 1:2 sanctification follows "election", but in Jude 1 it proceeds calling.
 - e. According to 2 Timothy 1:9 and 2 Peter 1:1, the order is salvation, calling, and then election. In Jude 1, however, one is sanctified, preserved, and then called.
 - f. But in 1 Corinthians 6:11, the believer is washed, sanctified, and then justified.
2. The definition of "Total Depravity" is based on human logic and reasoning, that man is unable to understand or respond to the gospel, but not according to Scripture.
* The Bible says man can respond in faith to the gospel, resulting in salvation!
 3. The theory of "Unconditional Election" is the solution to their definition of "Total Depravity", to insure the absolute salvation of the few by God's decrees,

weather they hear, understand or respond to the gospel.

* God said He died for the whole world!

4. The theory of “Limited Atonement” reinforces that God chose only a few to be saved by limiting the redemptive atonement of Christ for those “Unconditionally Elected”.
 - * The Bible teaches the atonement of Jesus was for the whole world!
5. The theory of “Irresistible Grace” is used to protect God’s decrees from being thwarted, providing the strongest guarantee that those whom God “Unconditionally Elected” will be saved.
 - * The Bible gives many accounts of those who rejected the gospel, as opposed to being forced to believe!
6. Not one of the points of Calvinism, four to this point can be found nor taught anywhere in the Scriptures, nor according to the Acronym TULIP.
 - * A deliberate changing of terms for “all”, “whosoever”, “world”, etc for “elect” to fit the Calvinist indoctrination is practiced!
7. There are many other contradictory things we could point out.
 - a. The universal thirst of man for God that only God can quench and the urge to seek Him.

* Why would God give all mankind this thirst and call on Him if they cannot, except for the “elect”?

- b. Man’s response to God’s love can only have value and meaning if it is of one’s own free will, otherwise it is forced or robotic.
- c. Interesting the sinner spiritually dead cannot “resist the grace to be saved”, but they can resist the grace to live in complete obedience and sin? It is inconsistent!

Illustration

The measure of all spiritual things is the Bible and there can be no exception, which is why it is called “The Canon” the reed or measure. Acts 17:11

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Conclusion

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