



# IRRESISTIBLE GRACE

The Doctrine of John Calvin

# TULIP Doctrine

- Total Hereditary Depravity – Flesh is evil, cannot obey God
- Unconditional Election – God's predetermined elect
- Limited Atonement – Christ's blood only covers the sins of the elect
- Irresistible Grace – if elected, cannot reject salvation
- Perseverance of the Saints – no sin condition can cause one to be lost

# The Work of the Holy Spirit

- Calvinism says that faith is produced in the elect by the illumination of the Holy Spirit. By the efficacy of the regeneration, the Spirit pervades the inmost recesses of man; He opens the closed and softens the hardened heart. The being that was dead, evil, and disobedient, the Spirit makes alive, good, and obedient to the degree of bringing forth the fruits of good actions.
- We are convicted by the gospel – 2 Tim 3:16,17; Rom 10:17; 1 John 5:13

# Upper and Lower Grace

- Calvinism says there are two kinds of grace: upper grace occurs when the Holy Spirit illuminates a soul to receive salvation, lower grace is when God is good to everyone. The rejection of God's lower grace is justification for withholding Jesus' blood to their destruction.
- Remember, God foreordained the non-elect to reject His lower grace.
- Nowhere does the Bible separate grace in any sense. When God gives a gift - it is grace because it is unearned – Matt 10:8

# God and Sin

- God does not cause man to sin – Jam 1:13-15
- God cannot be a respecter of persons – Rom 2:5-11
- God requires obedience to His word, not an infusion of His Spirit – Acts 10:44-48