



UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

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

Free Moral Agency

- Calvinism says, “Those of Mankind predestinated unto life, God hath chosen in Christ without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving him thereunto.” *Westminster Confession of Faith*
- Jesus said obedience is necessary for salvation - Matt 7:21
- “Whosoever” is an open invitation by God – John 3:16
- Jesus came for the benefit of “ALL” – Tit 2:11

Conditions in Salvation

- Knowledge of the truth is necessary – 1 Tim 2:4
- Repentance of sins is necessary – 2 Pet 3:9
- Obedience to His will is necessary – Heb 5:8,9
- Those that refuse to obey will be destroyed – 2 Thes 1:8,9

Is God a Respector of Persons?

- Peter made the point clear – Act 10:34,35
- Paul agreed with Peter – Rom 2:11
- Man will be held accountable – Col 3:25
- The things done in the flesh matter – 2 Cor 5:10

The Elect

- Those in Christ are chosen for salvation – Eph 1:3,4
- God chose to justify those that love Him – Rom 8:28-30
- Those that hear the Gospel call are elected – 2 Thes 2:14
- The elect must choose to remain elected – 2 Pet 1:10