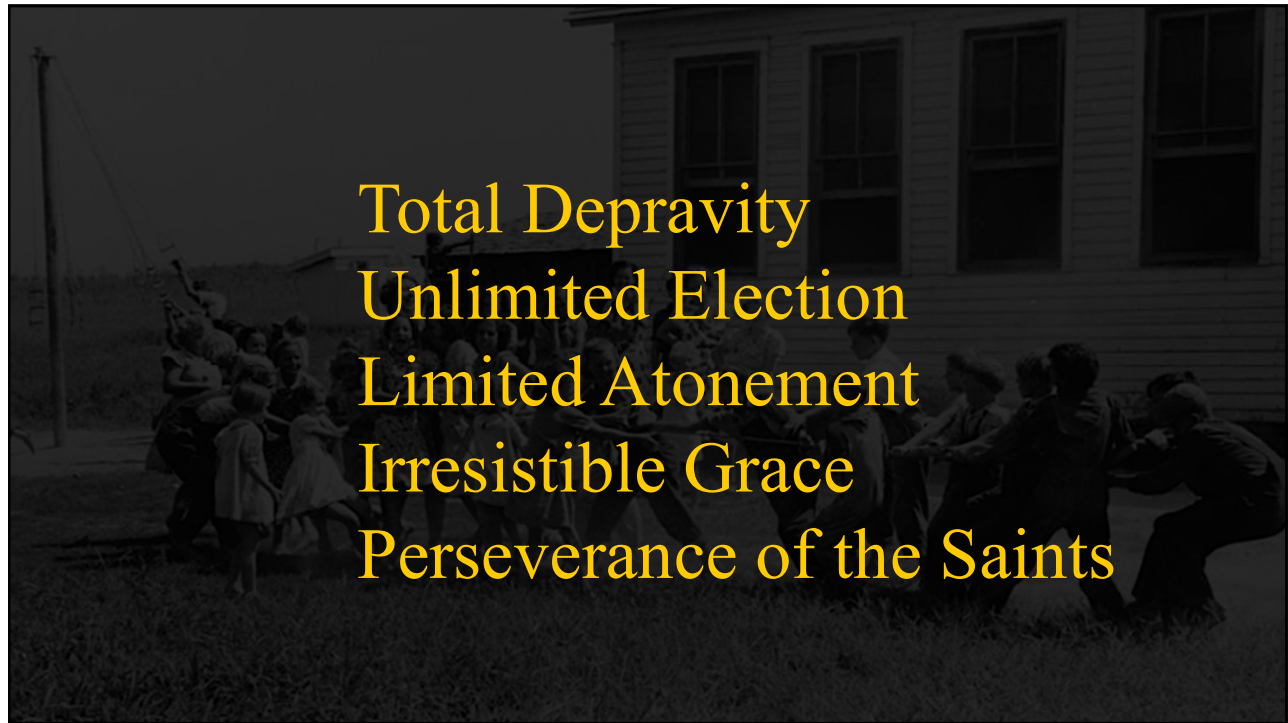




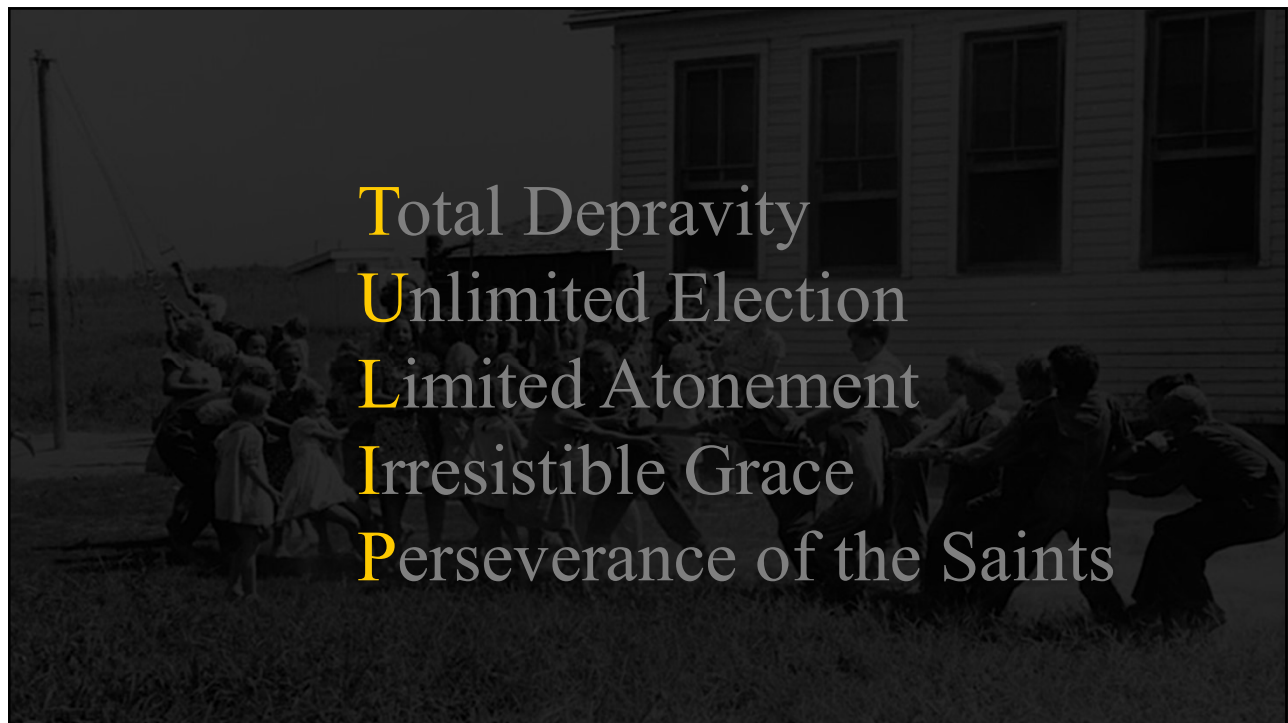
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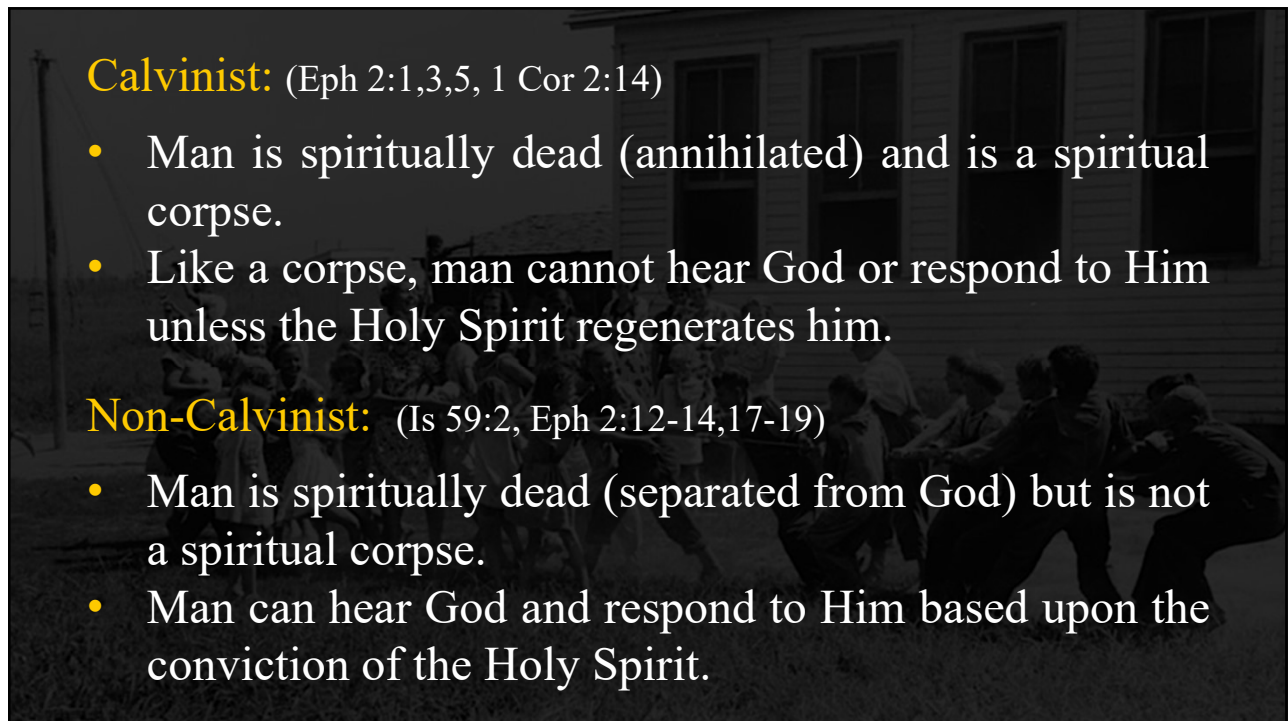


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1. Total Depravity

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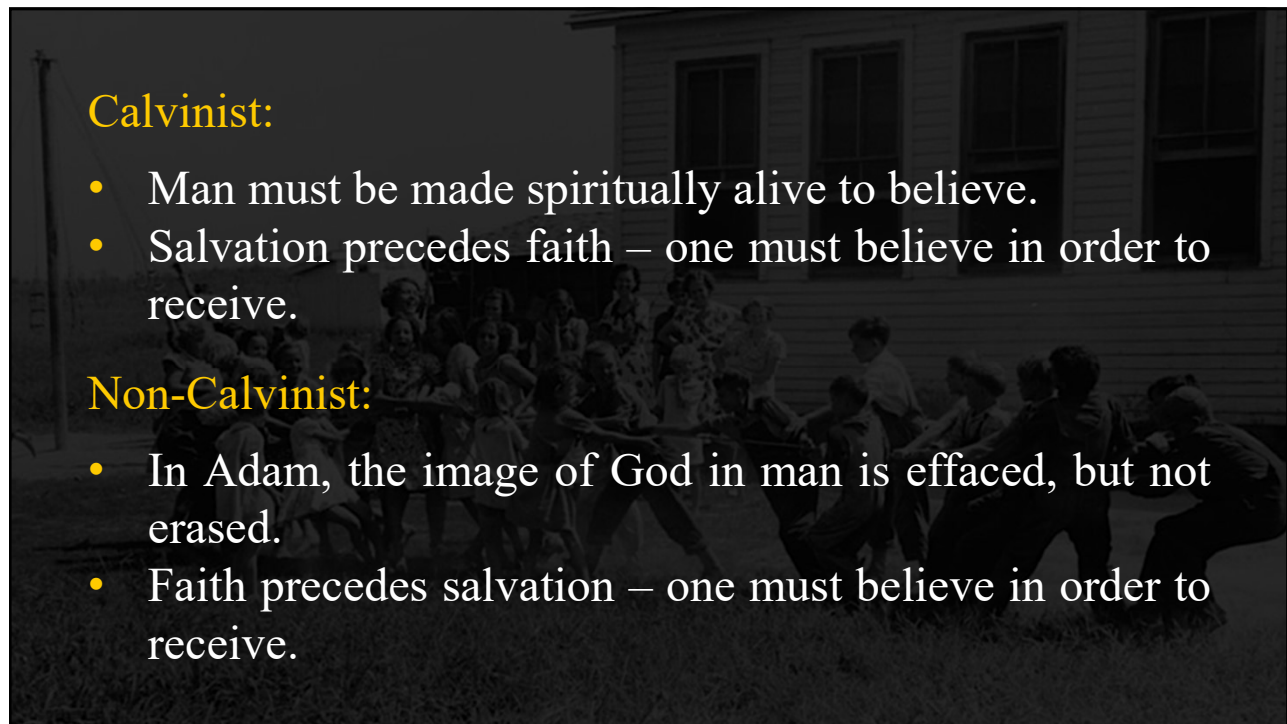
Calvinist: (Eph 2:1,3,5, 1 Cor 2:14)

- Man is spiritually dead (annihilated) and is a spiritual corpse.
- Like a corpse, man cannot hear God or respond to Him unless the Holy Spirit regenerates him.

Non-Calvinist: (Is 59:2, Eph 2:12-14,17-19)

- Man is spiritually dead (separated from God) but is not a spiritual corpse.
- Man can hear God and respond to Him based upon the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

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Calvinist:

- Man must be made spiritually alive to believe.
- Salvation precedes faith – one must believe in order to receive.

Non-Calvinist:

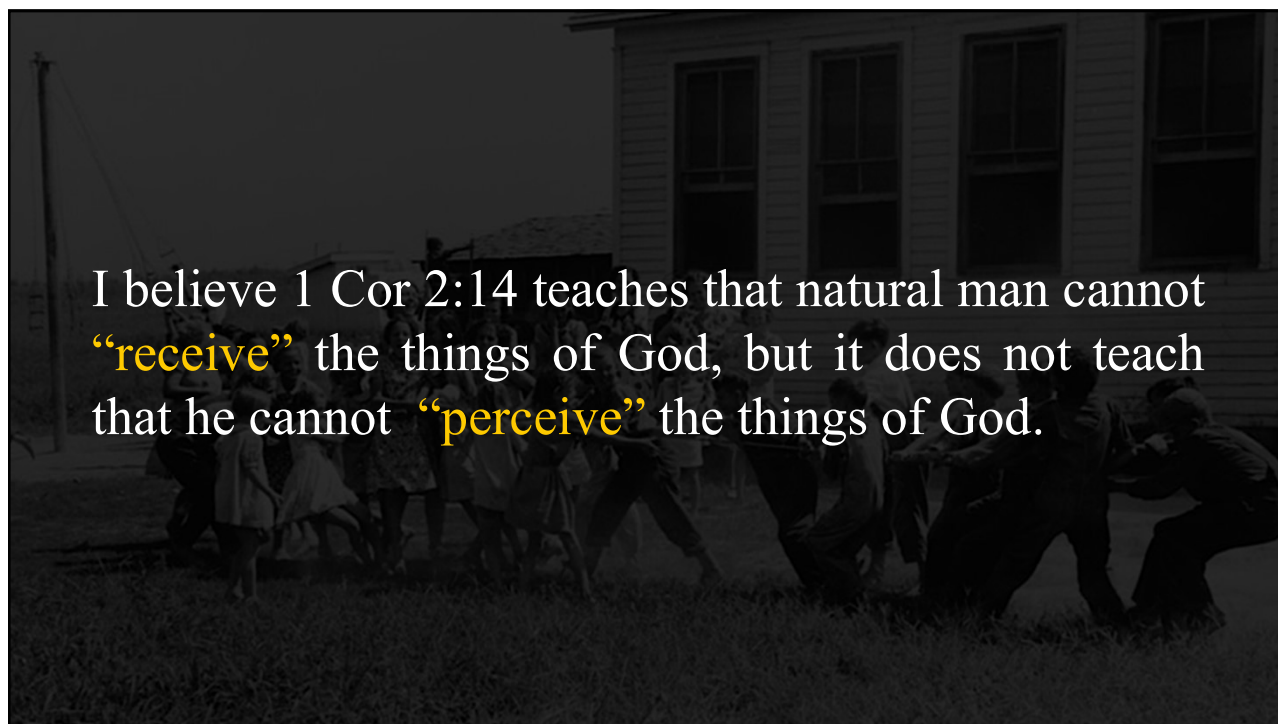
- In Adam, the image of God in man is effaced, but not erased.
- Faith precedes salvation – one must believe in order to receive.

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Rene Descartes – “I think therefore I exist.”

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I believe 1 Cor 2:14 teaches that natural man cannot
“receive” the things of God, but it does not teach
that he cannot “perceive” the things of God.

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2. Unconditional election

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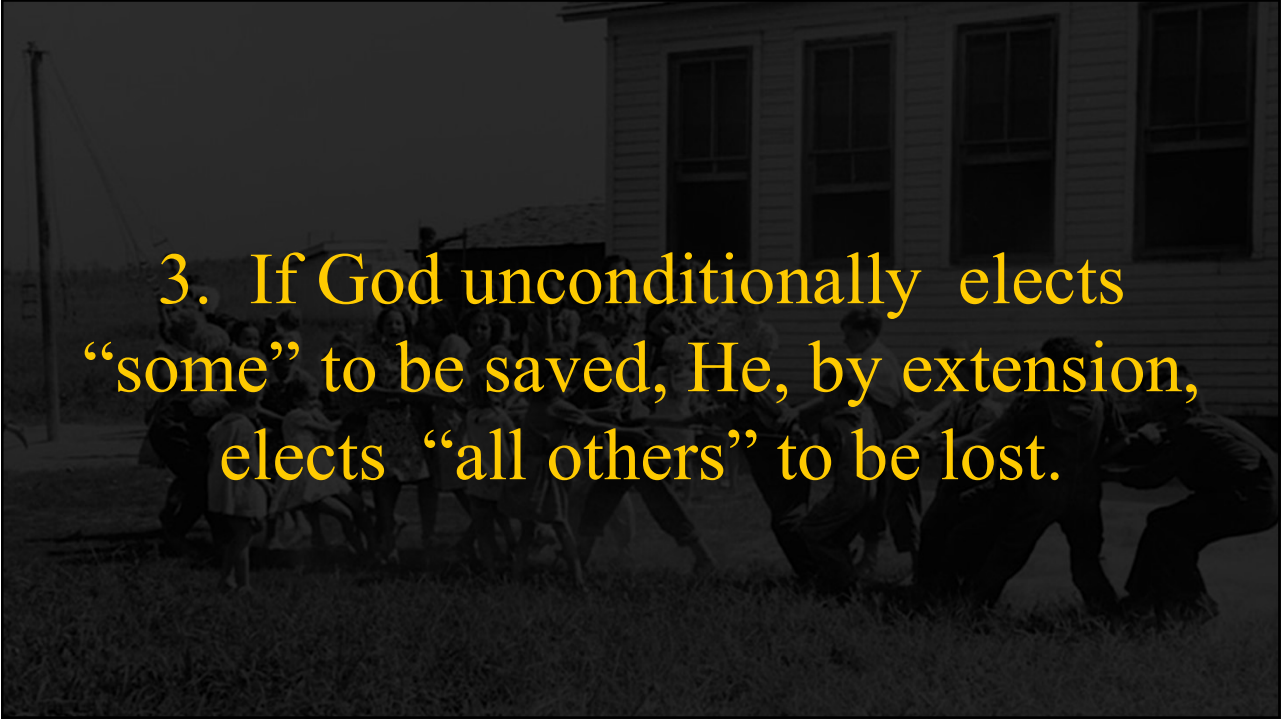
Calvinist: (Eph 1:3,5, Rom 8:29-30, 1 Pet 1:2)

- Grace is unconditional both on God's side and on our side as well.
- God decides who will be saved and selects some, independent of their will or faith.

Non-Calvinist: (Jn 1:12, Acts 16:31, Rom 5:22, Rom 10:9-10)

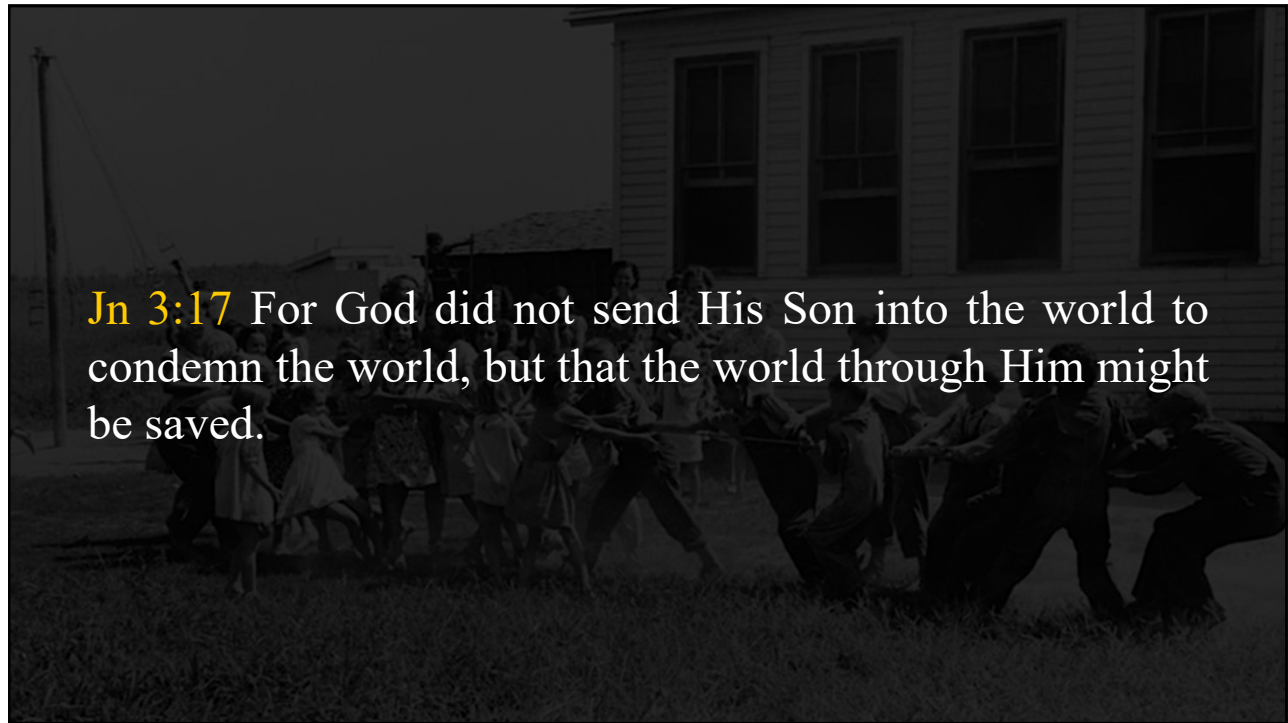
- Grace is unconditional on God's side but is conditional on man's side at one point – faith.
- God chooses to save those who will believe.

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3. If God unconditionally elects
“some” to be saved, He, by extension,
elects “all others” to be lost.

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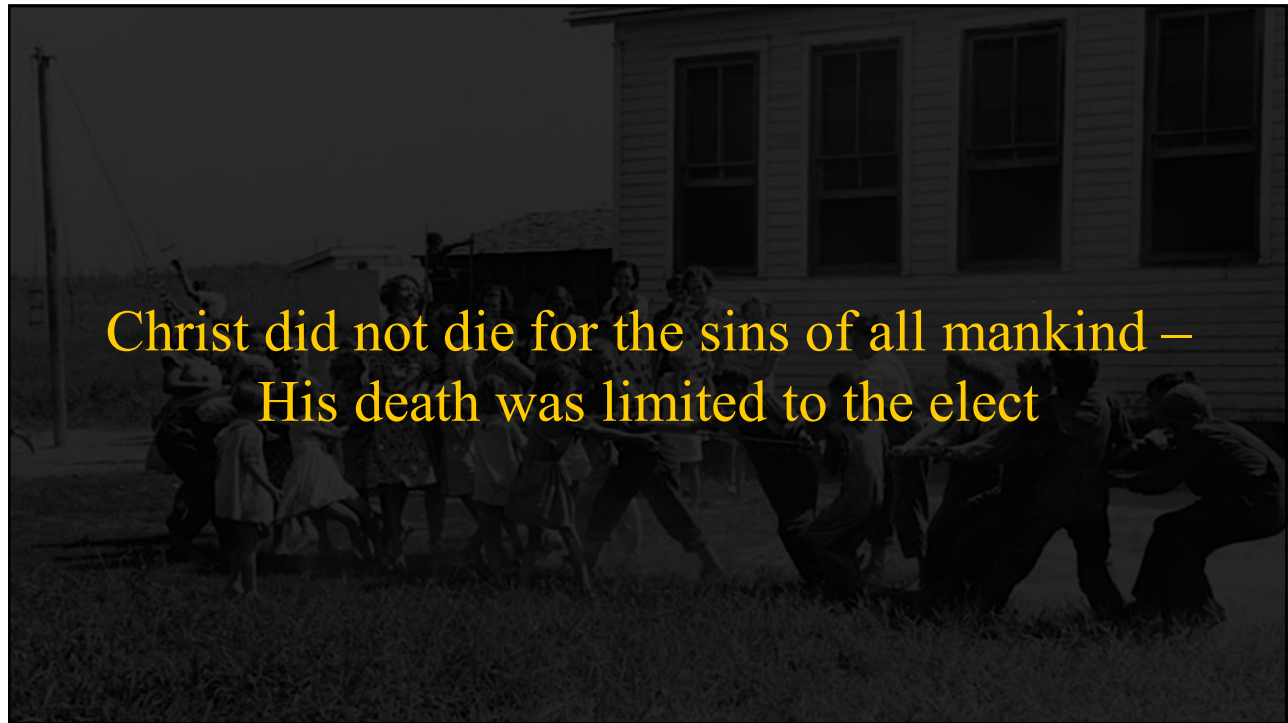
Jn 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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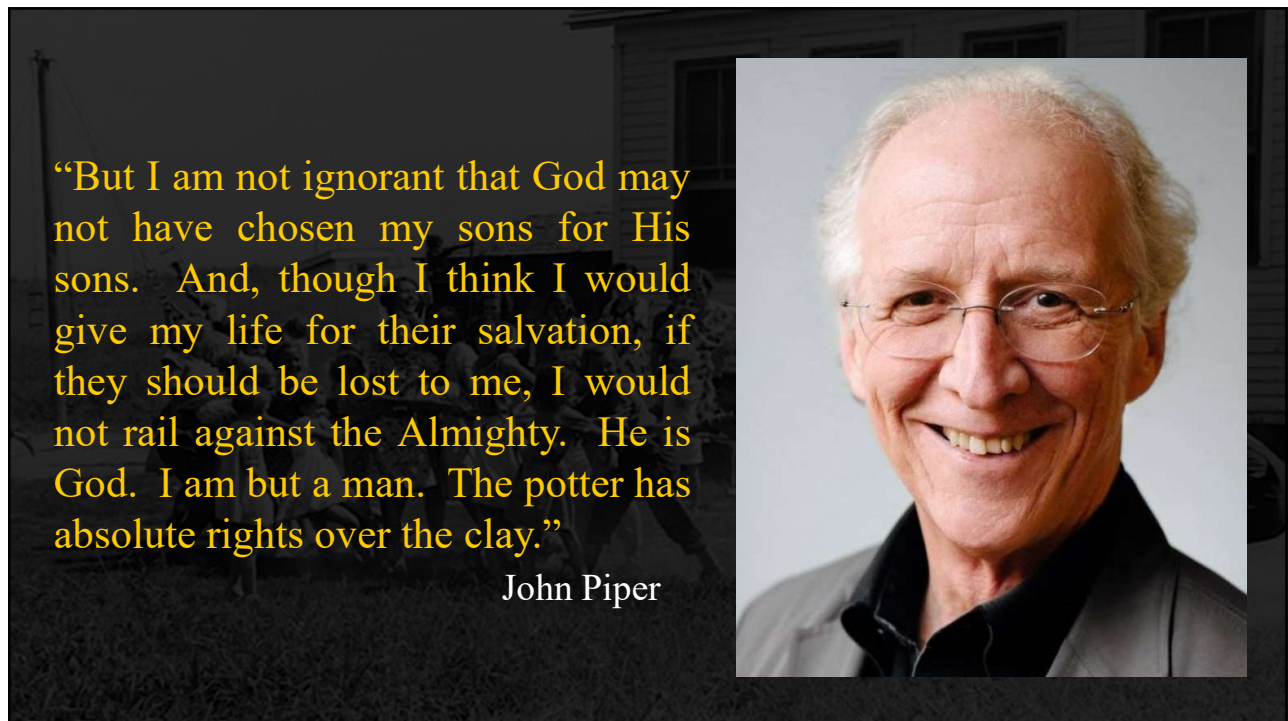


4. Limited Atonement

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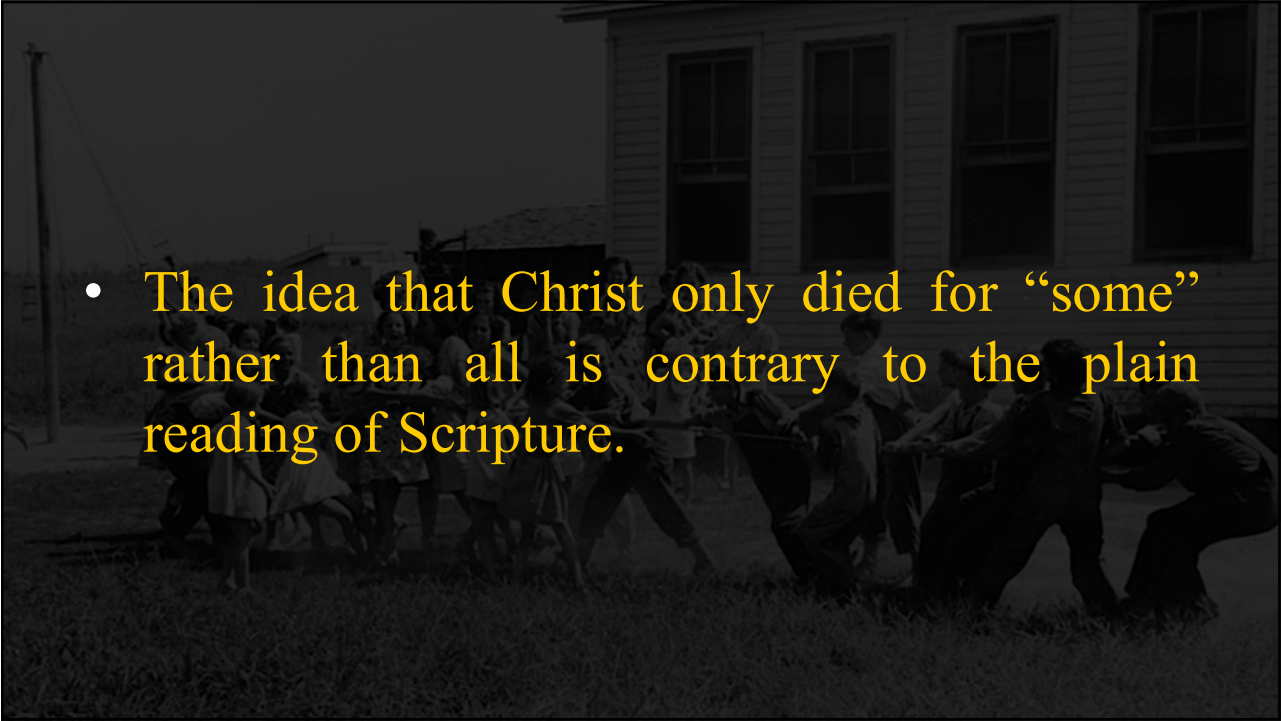


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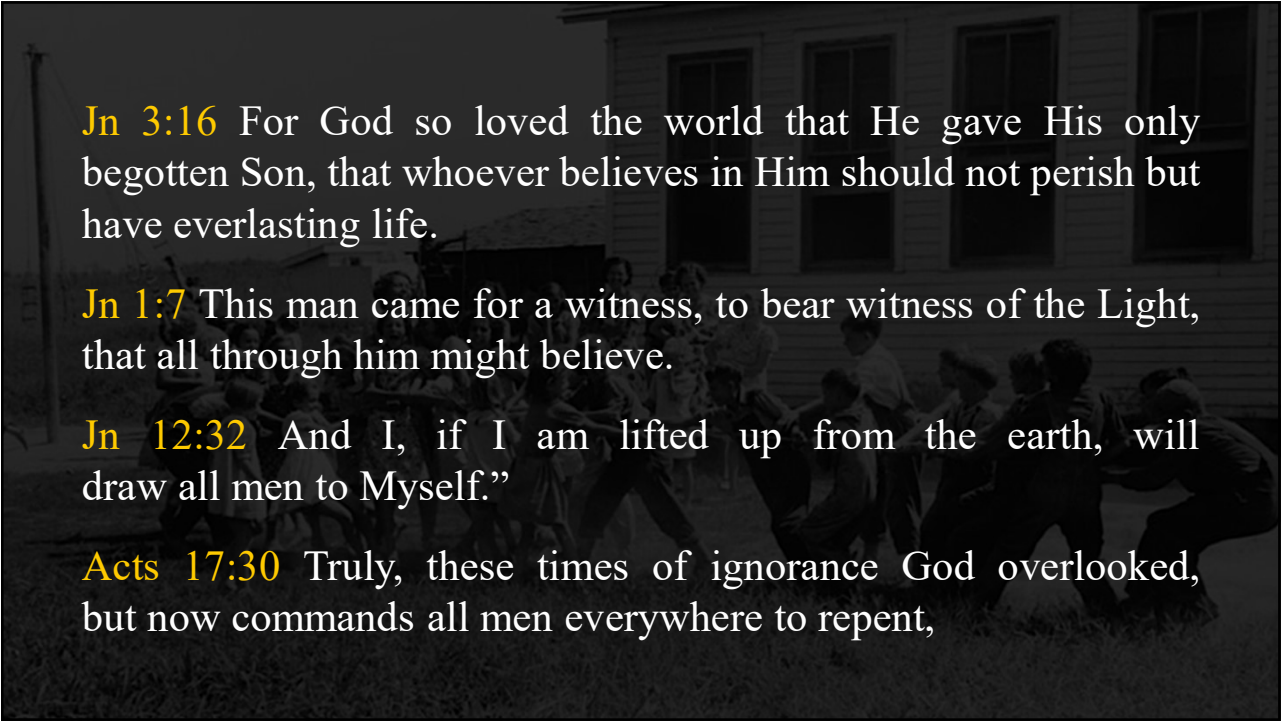


John Piper

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- The idea that Christ only died for “some” rather than all is contrary to the plain reading of Scripture.

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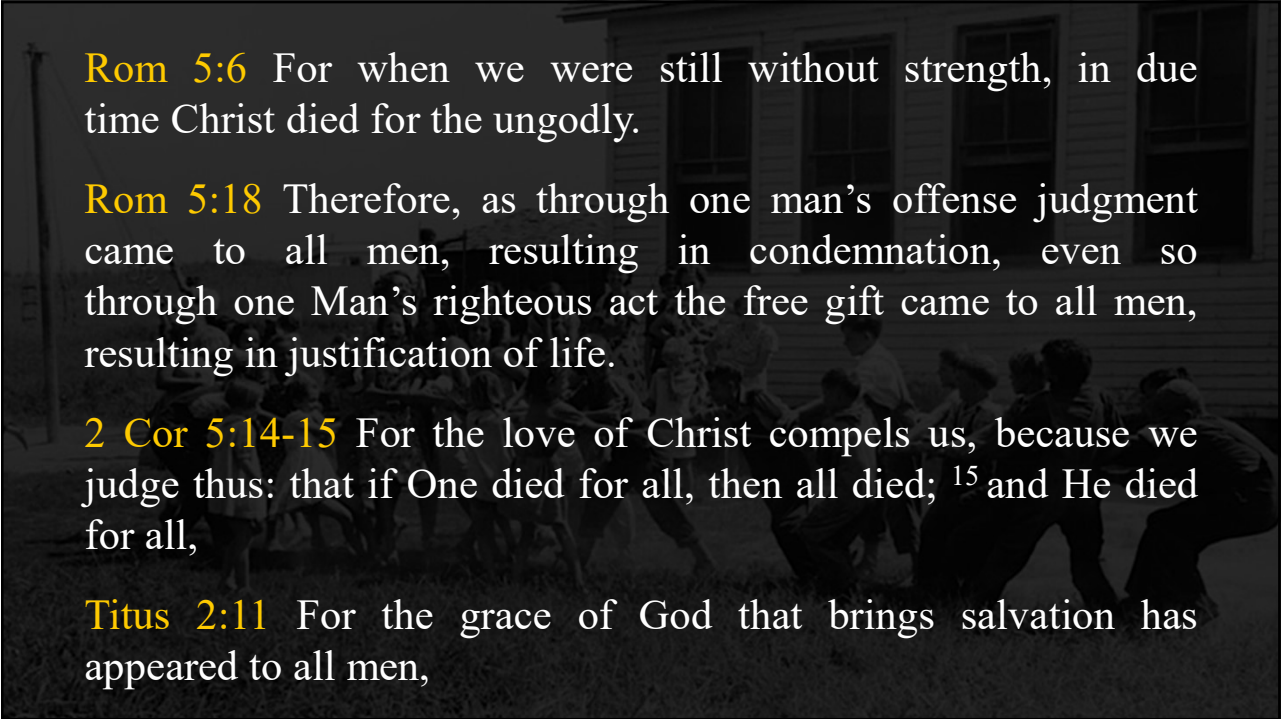
Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jn 1:7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

Jn 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

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Rom 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

2 Cor 5:14-15 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all,

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

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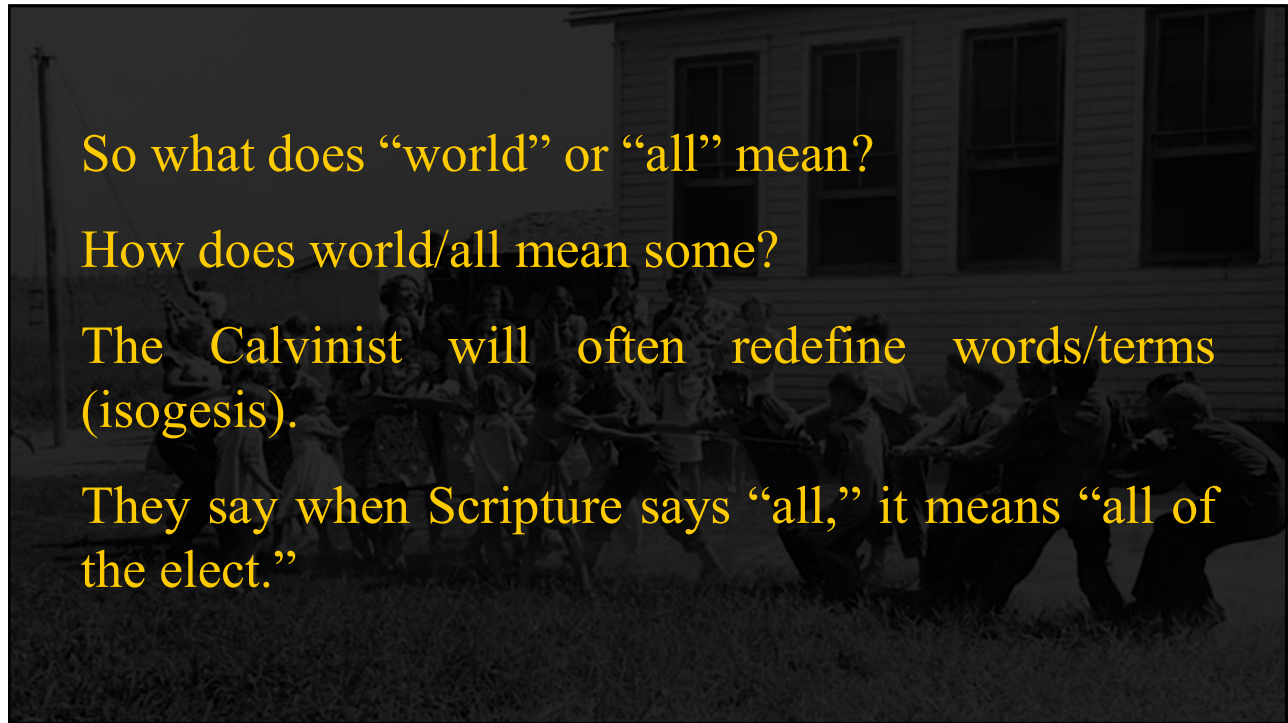


1 Tim 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

1 Jn 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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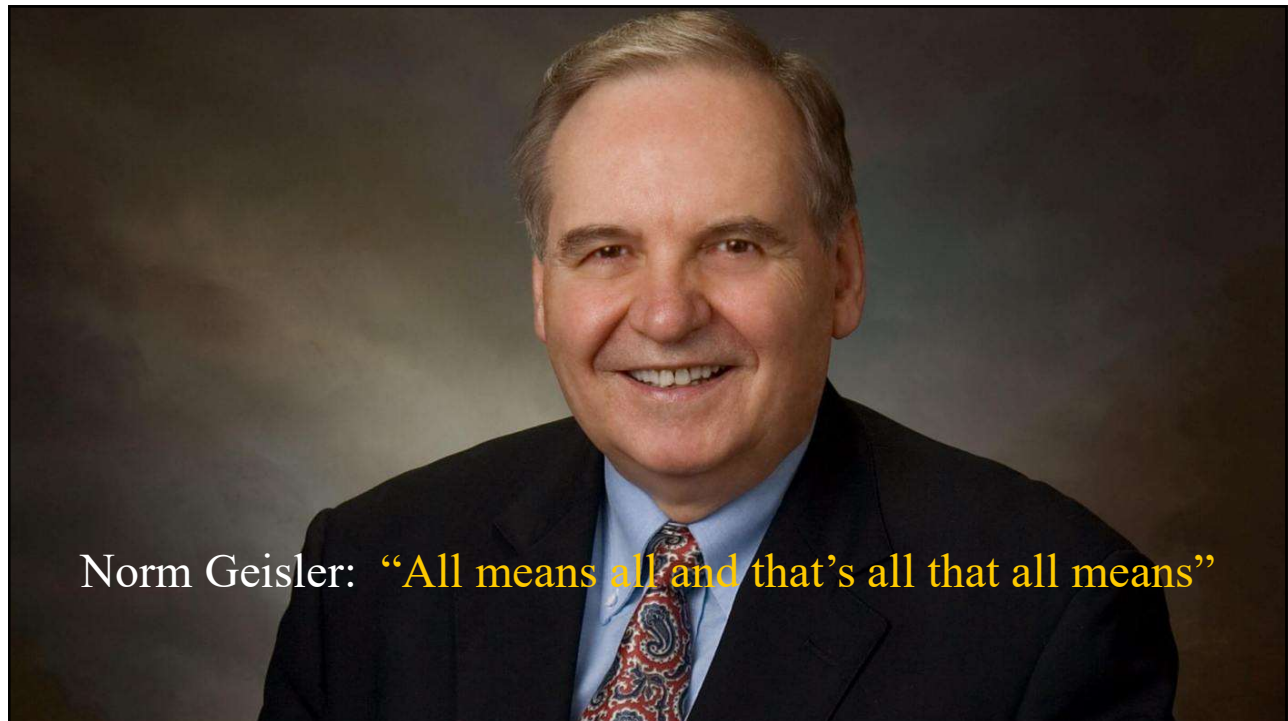
So what does “world” or “all” mean?

How does world/all mean some?

The Calvinist will often redefine words/terms (isogesis).

They say when Scripture says “all,” it means “all of the elect.”

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Norm Geisler: “All means all and that’s all that all means”

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They say when Scripture says “world,” it means “Christian/elect” world.

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jn 16:8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

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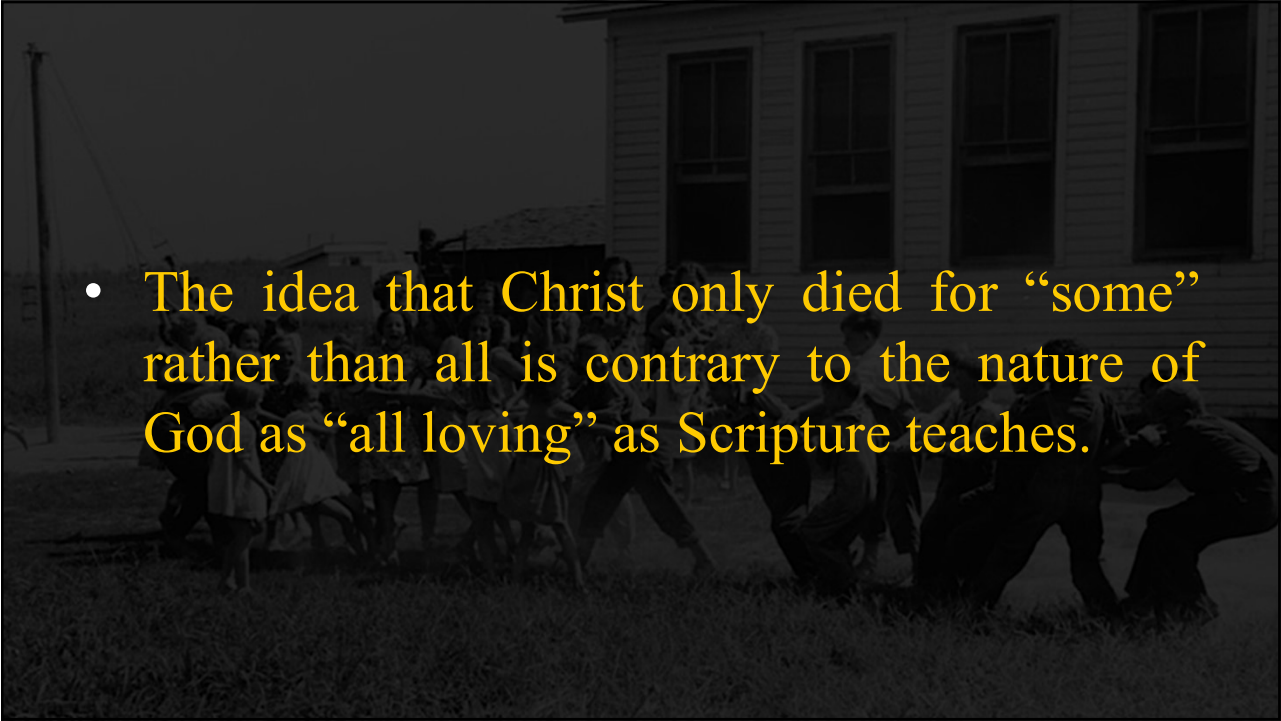


Thankfully, Scripture tells us exactly what “the world” is:

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 Jn 2:16-17 For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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- The idea that Christ only died for “some” rather than all is contrary to the nature of God as “all loving” as Scripture teaches.

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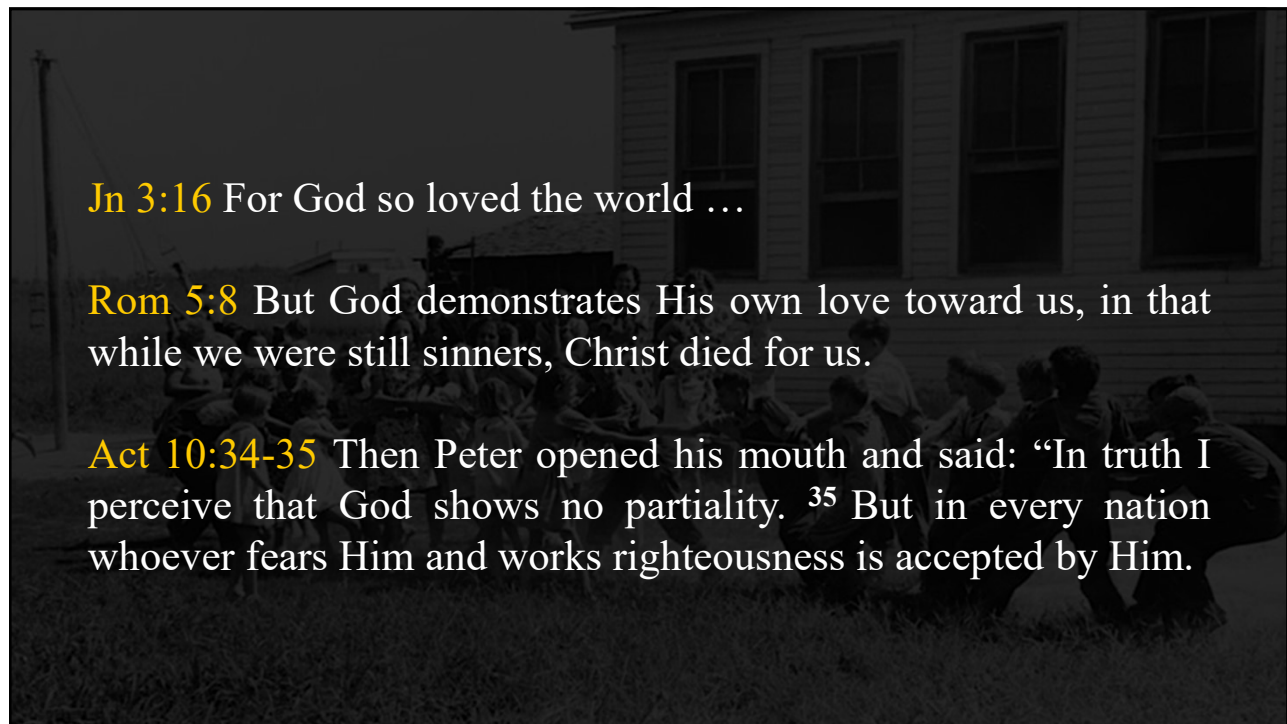
If God is all loving, He must love all:

Ps 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Eph 2:4-5 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

1 Jn 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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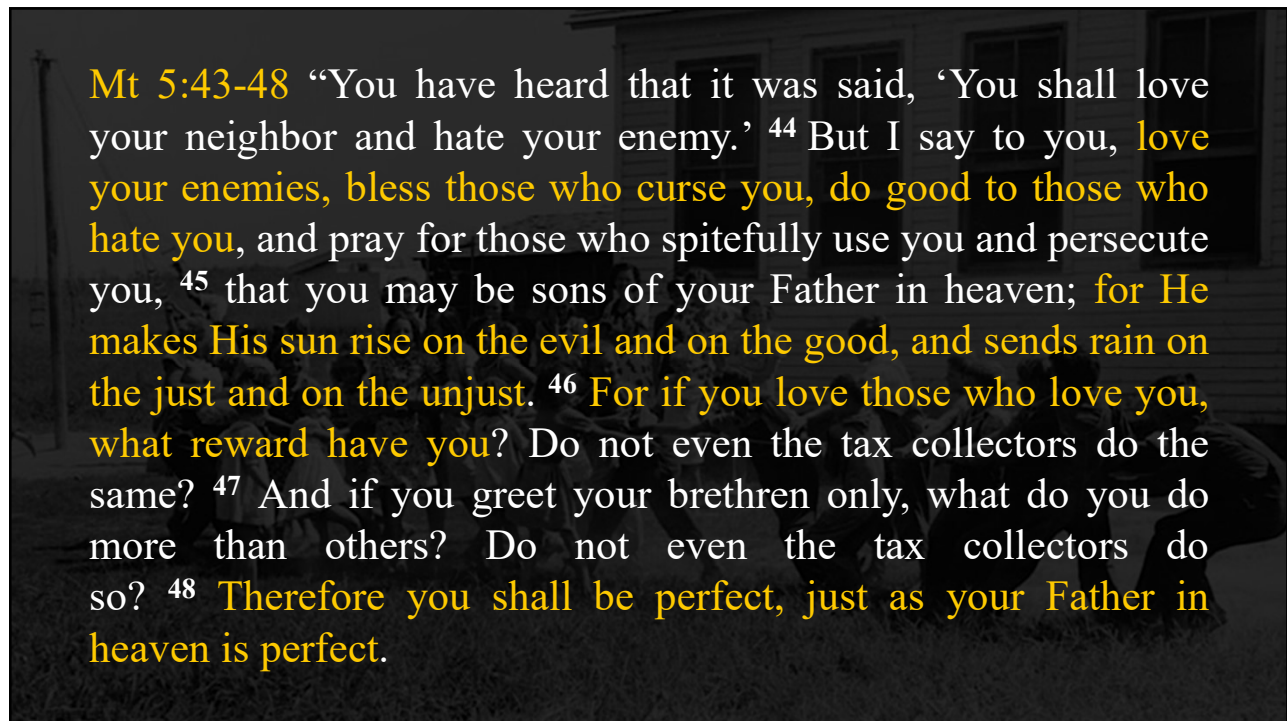


Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world ...

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Act 10:34-35 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.

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Mt 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you**, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; **for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.** ⁴⁶ **For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?** Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ **Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**

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“When we say that God is sovereign in the exercise of His love, we mean that He loves whom He chooses. God does not love everybody.”

Arthur Pink



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“If God had elected to save everyone without exception, all would certainly be saved. But God never had the slightest intention of saving everyone. That is what the doctrine of election means in the first place: God chooses some, but not all.”

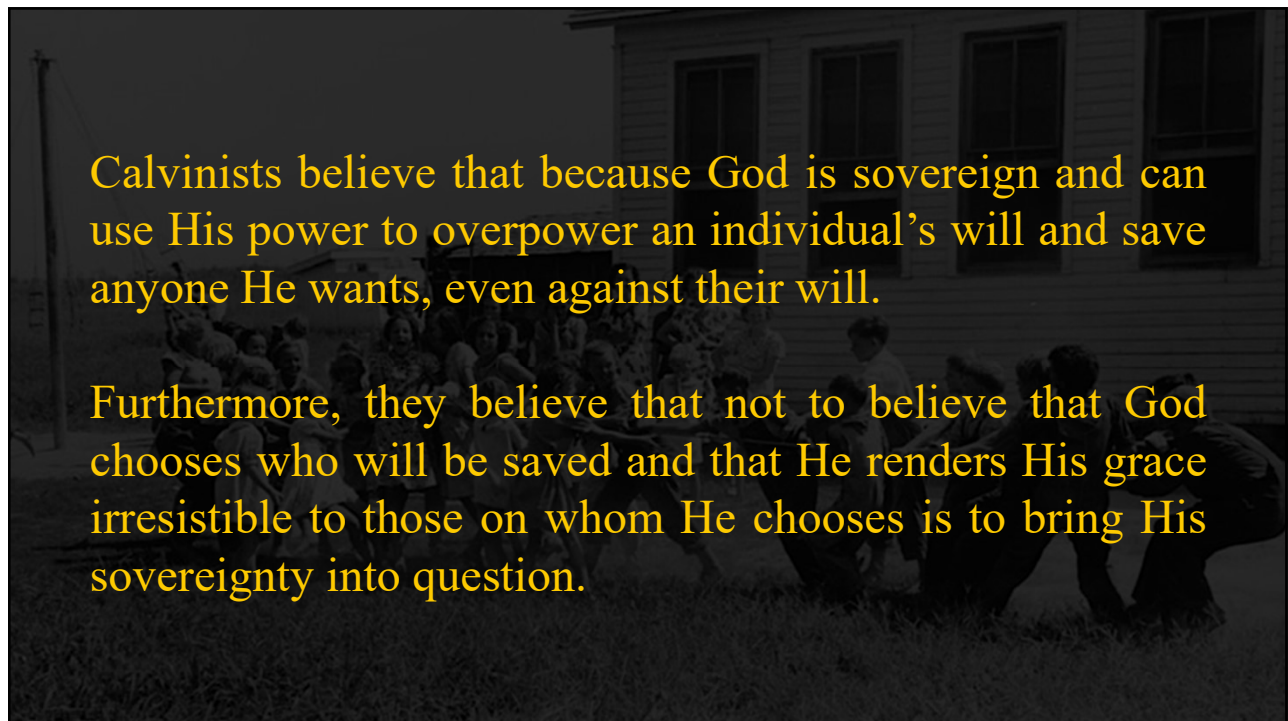
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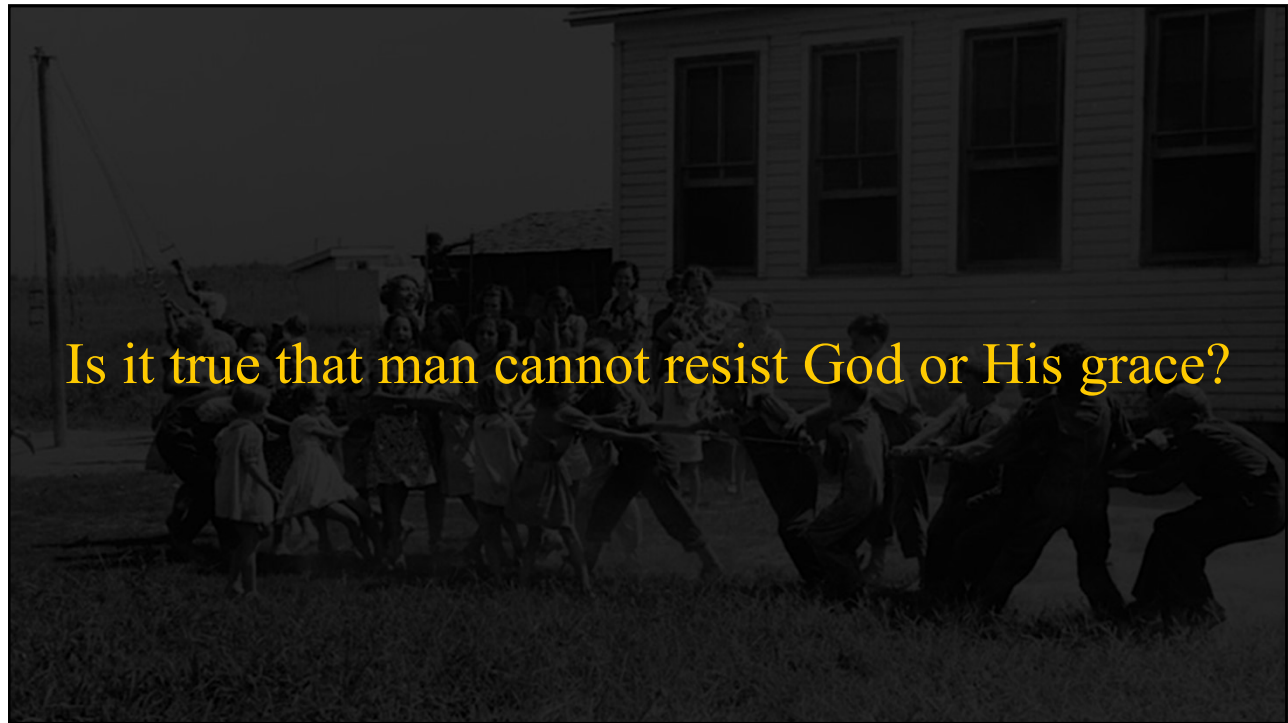
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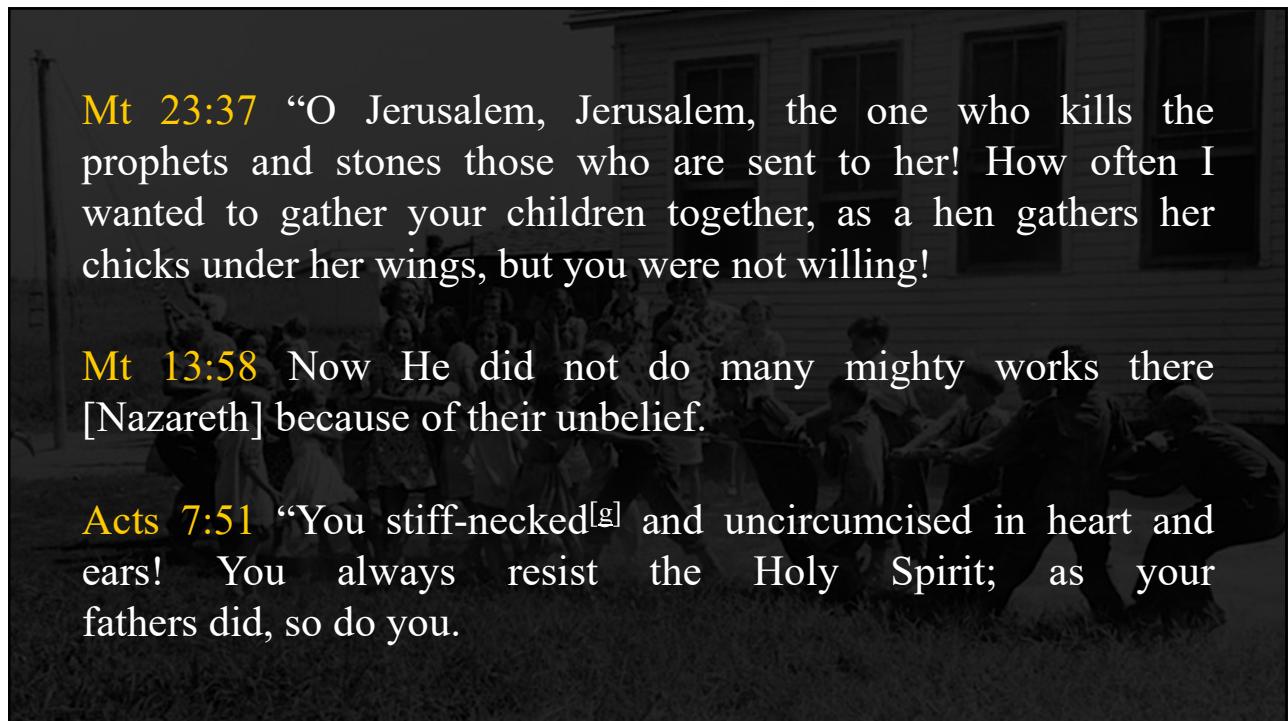


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Is it true that man cannot resist God or His grace?

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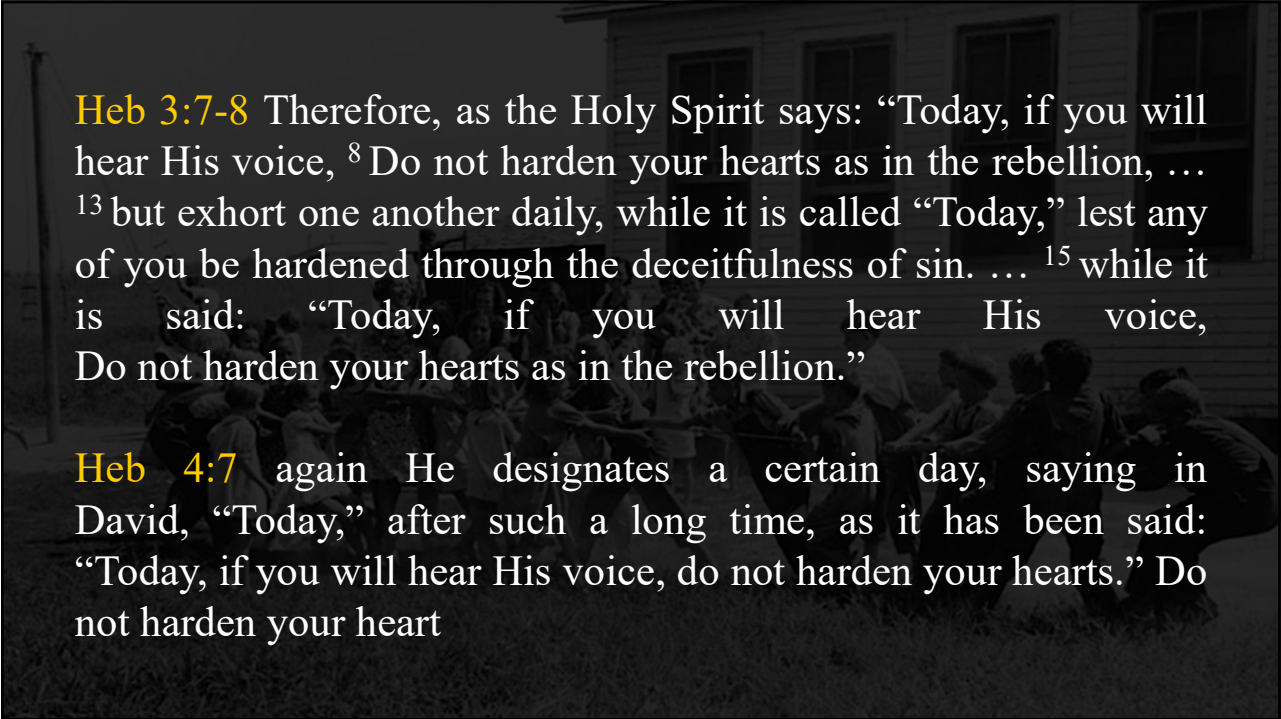


Mt 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Mt 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there [Nazareth] because of their unbelief.

Acts 7:51 “You stiff-necked^[g] and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

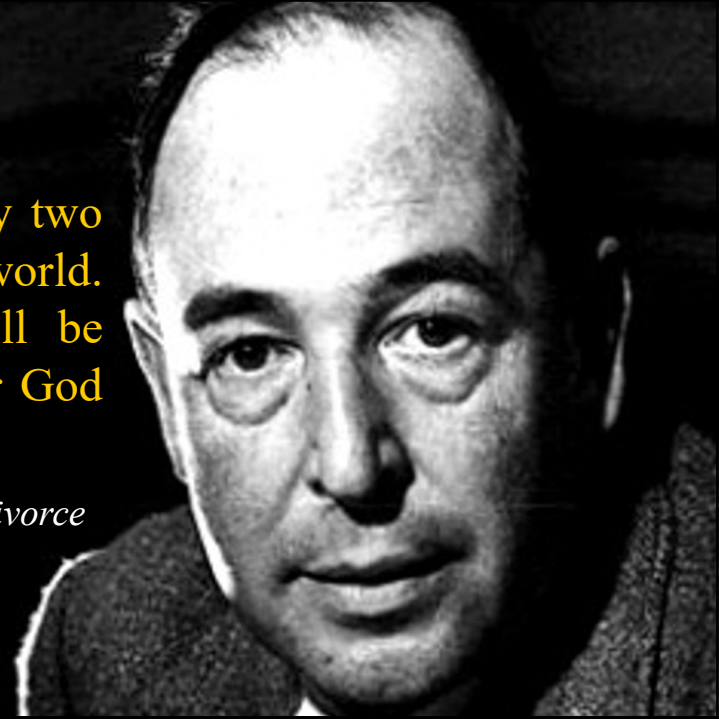
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Heb 3:7-8 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, ... ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ... ¹⁵ while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Heb 4:7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” Do not harden your heart

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“In the end, there are only two kinds of people in the world. One says God, ‘Thy will be done O God’ and to other God says, ‘Thy will be done.’”

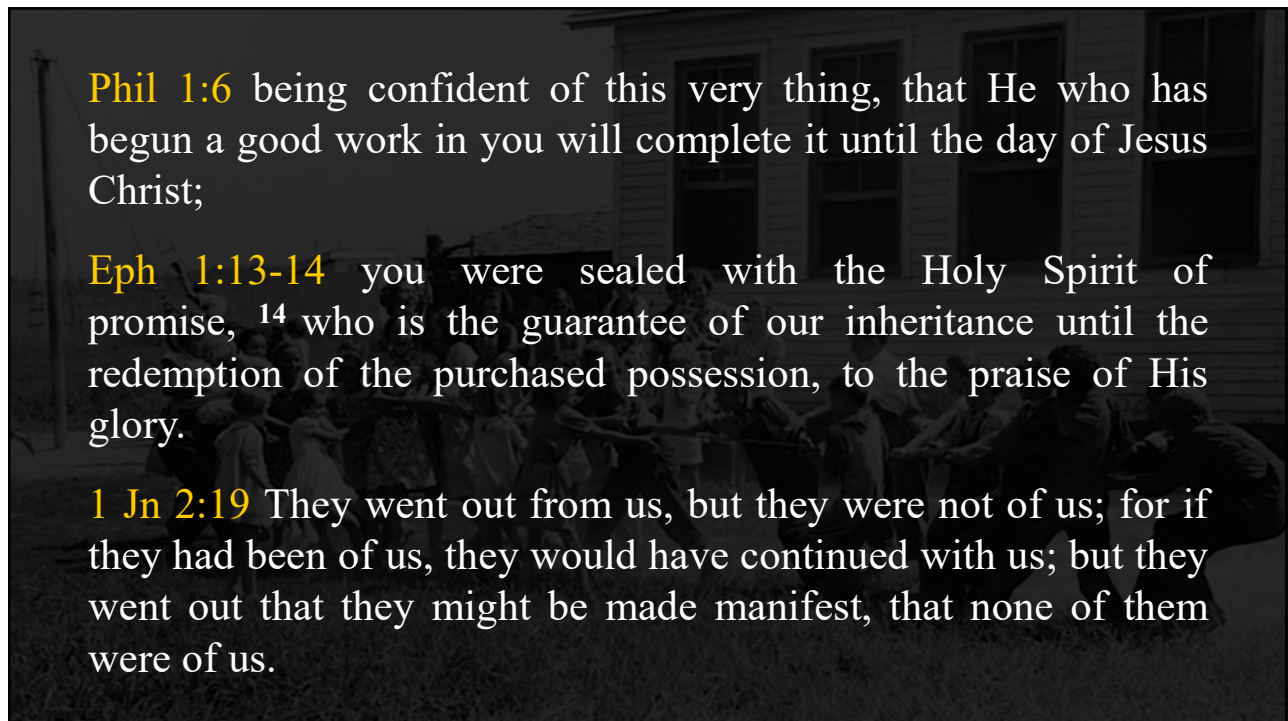
C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

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Perseverance of the saints

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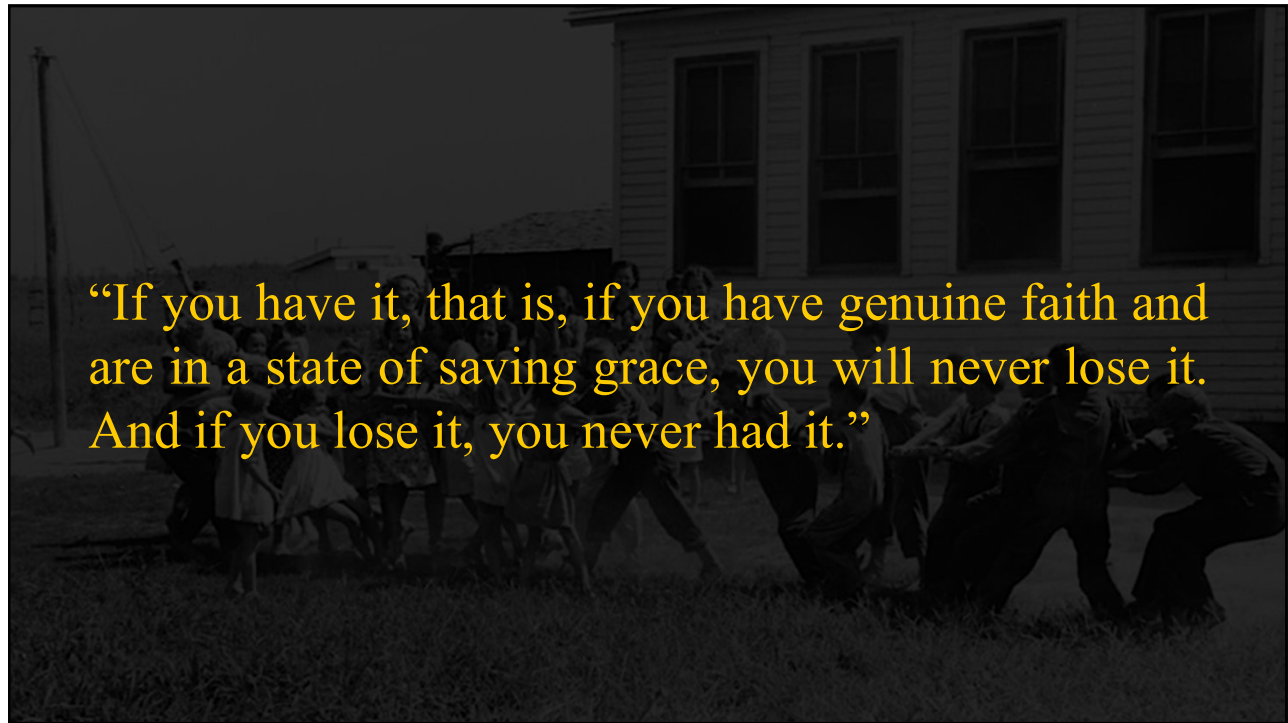


Phil 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

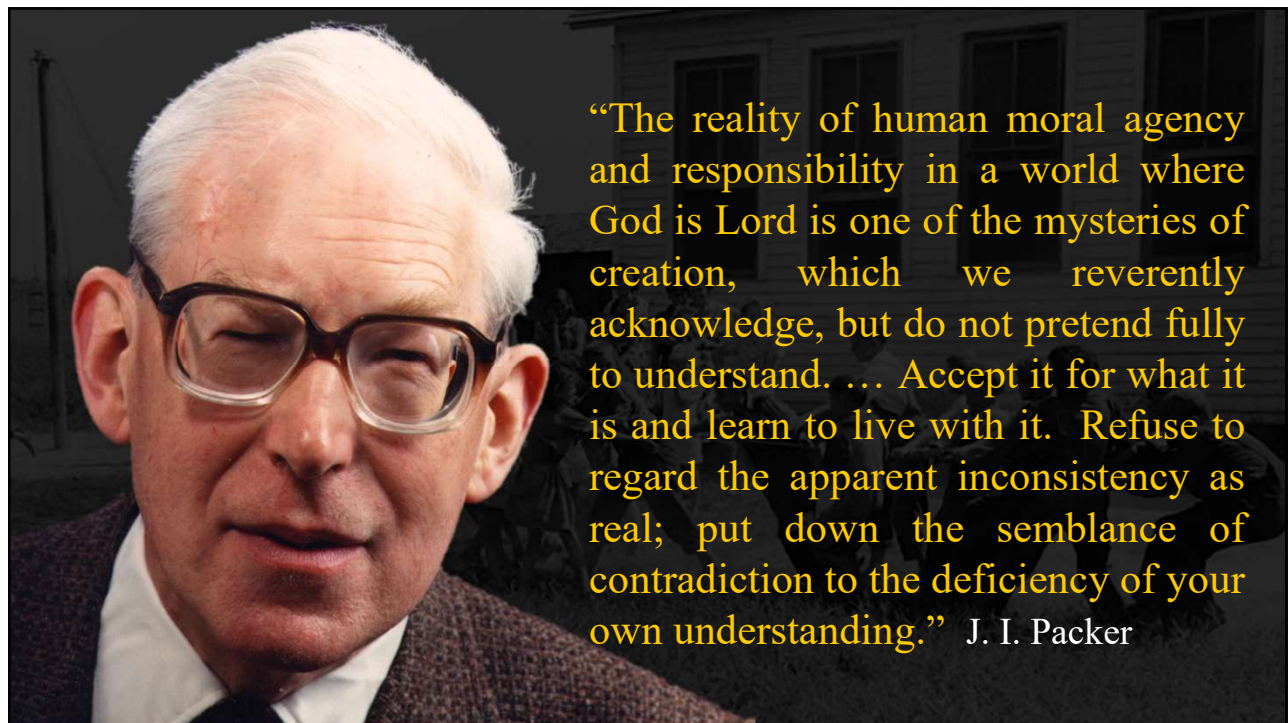
Eph 1:13-14 you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1 Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

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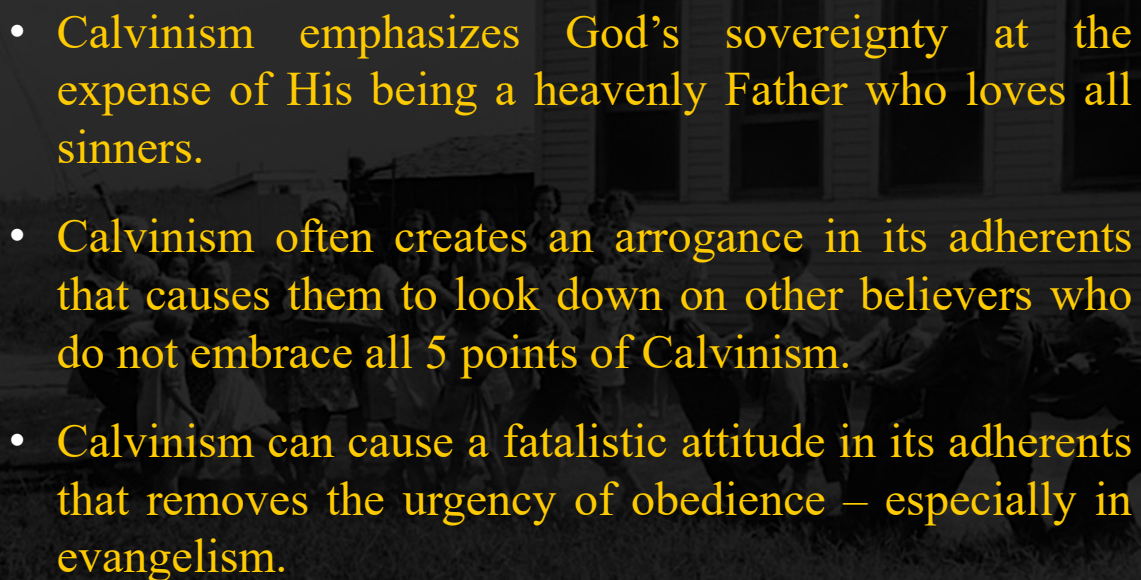


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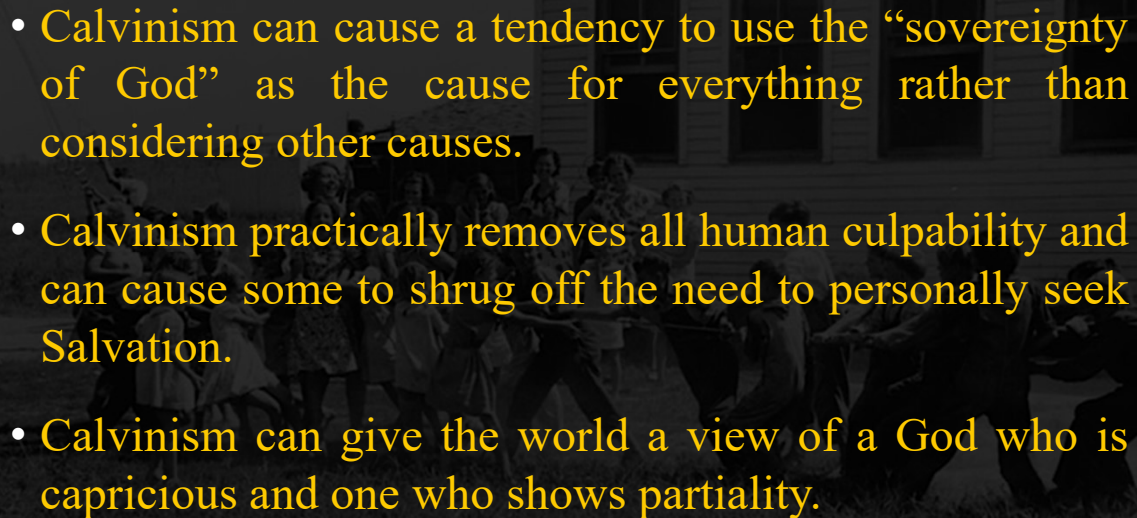


6. The effect it has on people – Calvinists and non-Calvinists

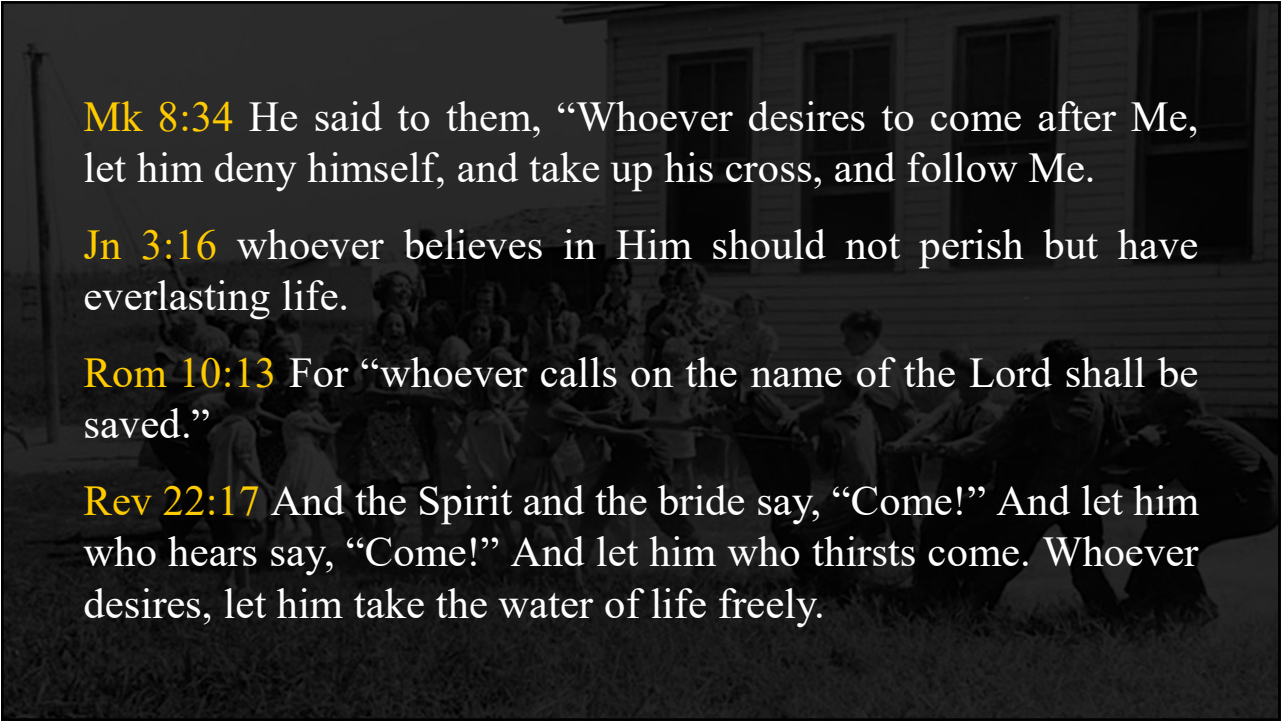
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- Calvinism emphasizes God's sovereignty at the expense of His being a heavenly Father who loves all sinners.
 - Calvinism often creates an arrogance in its adherents that causes them to look down on other believers who do not embrace all 5 points of Calvinism.
 - Calvinism can cause a fatalistic attitude in its adherents that removes the urgency of obedience – especially in evangelism.

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- Calvinism can cause a tendency to use the “sovereignty of God” as the cause for everything rather than considering other causes.
 - Calvinism practically removes all human culpability and can cause some to shrug off the need to personally seek Salvation.
 - Calvinism can give the world a view of a God who is capricious and one who shows partiality.

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Mk 8:34 He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Jn 3:16 whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Rom 10:13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

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