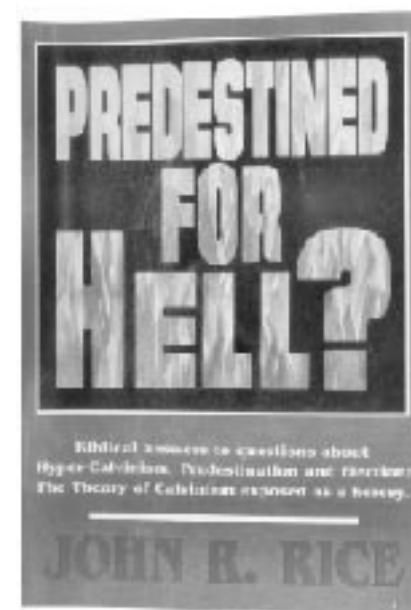


FOURTH, Calvinism especially appeals to those who think that hyperCalvinism is the only answer to Arminianism. They do not believe that a saved person is “on probation” and may lose his salvation at any moment. They know that the Bible clearly teaches salvation by grace and not of works. HYPER-CALVINISTS would like to make people believe, and to make many believe that, if one does not teach universal salvation, he must be either a Calvinist or an Arminian. The Arminian position does such violence to the grace of God, many would rather be Calvinists.

I am convinced that **Whitefield** and **Spurgeon** were both influenced, by the pressure of Arminian theology in their day, to call them selves Calvinists, although neither was hyper Calvinistic in actual practice and emphasis.



**Does God predestine some men to Hell?
Are there some who can never be saved,
born to be damned by God’s own choice?**

This is the teaching of Calvinism, a philosophy taught by John Calvin.

The controversy of predestination is still alive today.

Does the Bible really teach this?

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As with all heresies, the theory of Calvinism is man made and collapses under an honest study of the Scriptures.

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INTRODUCTION

*"For whom he did foreknow,
he also did predestinate
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn
among many brethren." Rom. 8 :29.*

Does God really predestinate some people to be saved and predestinate others to go to Hell, so that they have no free choice?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Nobody is predestined to be saved, except as he chooses, of his own free will, to repent of sin and trust Christ for salvation. No one is predestined ahead of time to go to Hell. Christ died for the sins of the whole world. God is not willing that any should perish. Salvation is freely offered to "whosoever will."

After showing what Calvinism is and that it is a manmade philosophy, we plan to show by the Bible the following blessed facts

- Hyper Calvinism Is a Man Made Philosophy Not in the Scriptures;
- God Makes Plans Ahead in History for Man and Nations;
- Christ's Atoning Death Paid for the Sins of Every Person Ever Born;
- God's Love, Enlightenment, Enabling and Invitation Reach Every Sinner;

- Not a Single Soul Is Predestined Without an Opportunity to Be Saved;
- God's Grace Not Irresistible;
- Bible Doctrines Show Hyper Calvinism Morally *Impossible*;
- God Predestinates Those Who Will Trust in Christ to Land Safe at Last in Heaven!
- The Harm Done by Hyper Calvinism Heresy;

John Calvin, a great theologian, was right in saying that people are saved by grace alone and kept by grace alone. But extreme Calvinism, the teaching that some people, by the foreordained plan of God, are predestined to be saved and some are predestined to be lost, and that their destinies were settled before they were born, is a wicked heresy contrary to the Bible, that dishonors God and has done incalculable harm. The heresy of extreme Calvinism is particularly appealing to people from four viewpoints.

FIRST, it appeals to the scholarly intellect, the selfsufficient and proud mind. So brilliant, philosophical, scholarly preachers are apt to be misled on this matter more than the humble hearted Bible believer.

SECOND, this doctrine appeals particularly to those who hold "covenant theology," that is, the Presbyterian doctrine that believers and their children should be received in the church alike, that babies sprinkled in infancy are in a covenant relationship with God without any choice of their own, etc.

THIRD, the hyper Calvinistic heresy is particularly appealing to the carnal nature, unwilling to have the heartbreak, the burden for soul winning, unwilling to pay the price of separation and perhaps ostracism which goes with all out soul winning, unwilling to pay the price for the fullness of the Spirit in continual self crucifixion and waiting on God.