

# What Love Is This Calvinisms Misrepresentation Of God

**What Love Is This?**-Dave Hunt 2013-05-01 Many sincere, Bible-believing Christians are Calvinists only by default. Thinking that the only choice is between Calvinism (with its presumed doctrine of eternal security) and Arminianism (with its teaching that salvation can be lost), and confident of Christ's promise to keep eternally those who believe in Him, they therefore consider themselves to be Calvinists. It takes only a few simple questions to discover that most Christians are largely unaware of what John Calvin and his early followers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries actually believed and practiced. Nor do they fully understand what most of today's leading Calvinists believe. Although there are disputed variations of the Calvinist doctrine, among its chief proponents (whom we quote extensively in context) there is general agreement on certain core beliefs. Many evangelicals who think they are Calvinists will be surprised to learn of Calvin's belief in salvation through infant baptism and of his grossly un-Christian behavior, at times, as the "Protestant Pope" of Geneva, Switzerland. Most shocking of all, however, is Calvinism's misrepresentation of God, who "is love." It is our prayer that this volume will enable readers to examine more carefully the vital issues involved and to follow God's holy Word--not man's teachings. "The first edition of this book was greeted by fervent opposition and criticism from Calvinists. In this enlarged and revised edition I have endeavored to respond to the critics." --Dave Hunt

**Debating Calvinism**-Dave Hunt 2009-01-21 A centuries-old belief system is put to the test as two prominent authors examine and debate the subject of Calvinism from opposing viewpoints. James White, author of *The Potter's Freedom*, takes the Calvinist position. Dave Hunt, author of *What Love Is This*, opposes him. The exchange is lively and at times intense as these two articulate men wrestle over what the Scriptures tell us about God's sovereignty and man's free will. This thought-provoking, challenging book provides potent responses to the most frequently asked questions about Calvinism. Is God free to love anyone He wants? Do you have any choice in your own salvation? It's time to find out. Calvinism has been a topic of intense discussion for centuries. In this lively debate, two passionate thinkers take opposing sides, providing valuable responses to the most frequently asked questions about Calvinism. Only you can decide where you stand on questions that determine how you think about your salvation. *Story Behind the Book* The subject of Calvinism has been hotly debated for many years, and now two prominent authors and researchers will debate this controversial topic in a book debate. This project came about when Mr. Hunt wrote *What Love is This- Calvinism's Misrepresentation of God*. Mr. Hunt was challenged by many on the Calvinist bench and he eventually agreed to do a debate in a book format. The books purpose is to get you to think and come to your own conclusions.

**Does God Love Everyone?**-Jerry L. Walls 2016-07-29 Does God truly love all persons? Most Christians think the obvious answer to this question is, "Yes, of course he does!" Indeed, many Christians would agree that the very heart of the gospel is that God so loved the whole world that he gave his Son to make salvation available for every single person. This book shows that one of the most popular and resurgent theological movements in the contemporary evangelical church--namely, Calvinism--cannot coherently and consistently affirm this vital claim about the love of God. While some Calvinists forthrightly deny that God loves everyone, more commonly Calvinists attempt to affirm the love of God for all persons in terms that are compatible with their doctrines that Christ died only for the elect--those persons God has unconditionally chosen to save. This book shows that the Calvinist attempts to affirm God's love for all persons are fraught with severe philosophical and theological difficulties. Calvinism, then, should be rejected in favor of a theology that can forthrightly and consistently affirm the love of God for all persons. Nothing less is at stake than the very heart of the gospel.

**Killing Calvinism**-Greg Dutcher 2012-06 "When a corrective like this comes from within a movement, it is a sign of health" -John Piper A resurgence of Calvinism is changing lives, transforming churches, and spreading the gospel. Will it continue? That can depend on how "insiders" live the message. Learn 8 ways we often fail at that. Let's not kill off a perfectly good theology.

**Against Calvinism**-Roger E. Olson 2011-10-25 Calvinist theology has been debated and promoted for centuries. But is it a theology that should last? Roger Olson suggests that Calvinism, also commonly known as Reformed theology, holds an unwarranted place in our list of accepted theologies. In *Against Calvinism*, readers will find scholarly arguments explaining why Calvinist theology is incorrect and how it affects God's reputation. Olson draws on a variety of sources, including Scripture, reason, tradition, and experience, to support his critique of Calvinism and the more historically rich, biblically faithful alternative theologies he proposes. Addressing what many evangelical Christians are concerned about today--so-called "new Calvinism," a movement embraced by a generation labeled as "young, restless, Reformed" --*Against Calvinism* is the only book of its kind to offer objections from a non-Calvinist perspective to the current wave of Calvinism among Christian youth. As a companion to Michael Horton's *For Calvinism*, readers will be able to compare contrasting perspectives and form their own opinions on the merits and weaknesses of Calvinism.

**The Joy of Calvinism**-Greg Forster 2012-02-29 The Bible's command to "rejoice continually" seems impossible and, frankly, unreasonable. Yet despite the apparent difficulty in fulfilling this commandment, Gregory Forster argues that Calvinism holds the key--namely that "real Calvinism is all about joy." Forster passionately holds to this belief, and systematically demonstrates it by addressing popular misconceptions of what Calvinism is and is not. Dismantling negative expressions of Calvinist theology, Forster positively reiterates its fundamental tenets, showing how God's love is the driving force behind every facet of Calvin's doctrine of salvation. Written accessibly, *The Joy of Calvinism* is an important addition to the conversation surrounding Calvinism and its advocates. Skeptics and those who have had negative perceptions of Calvinism, as well as Calvinists themselves, will find this a helpful resource for clearing up the controversies and grasping the winsomeness of the doctrines of grace.

**Humble Calvinism**-J. A. Medders 2019-03 Understanding Calvinism in our hearts as well as in our heads

**Whosoever Will**-David L. Allen 2010-04 Based on the John 3:16 Conference of 2008, this book presents essays that offer an alternative to Calvinism in regard to understanding how God works in salvation.

**Calvinism: A Very Short Introduction**-Jon Balsarak 2016-12-01 In this Very Short Introduction, Jon Balsarak explores major ideas associated with the Calvinist system of thought. Beginning during the Protestant Reformation in cities like Zurich, Geneva, and Basel, Calvinism--also known as Reformed Theology--spread rapidly throughout Europe and the New World, eventually making its way to the African Continent and the East. Balsarak examines how Calvinist thought and practice spread and took root, helping shape church and society. Much of contemporary thought, especially western thought, on everything from theology to civil government, economics, the arts, work and leisure, education, and the family has been influenced by Calvinism. Balsarak explores this influence. He also examines common misconceptions and objections to Calvinism, and sets forth a Calvinist understanding of God, the world, humankind, and the meaning of life. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**Deconstructing Calvinism Revised Edition**-Hutson Smelley 2011-08-01 Does God love everyone? When Jesus died on the cross at Calvary, did he die for the sins of the elect only or for the sins of the whole world? Can anyone respond in faith to the gospel message? Or is the act of believing a gift of God only given to a subset of humanity called the elect so that the rest of humanity is unable to believe and destined to spend eternity apart from God? What does the term elect mean in the New Testament? These are fundamental questions about the God of the Bible and the salvation He provides in Jesus Christ. This book invites you to sit as an unbiased juror and consider the traditional principles of TULIP Calvinism as explained by the leading Calvinists in their own words, then to weigh their proffered Scriptural evidence to make your own determination. This book will address exegetically all of the most commonly cited proof texts for Calvinism, with a thorough consideration of the "pillar" passages like John 6:44, Romans 3 and 9, and Ephesians 1:4. This book will defend a middle ground position (called NULIF - "new life") between TULIP Calvinism and Arminianism and demonstrate that you can tell people with confidence that God loves them, Jesus died for their sins, and they can be saved by trusting Christ for the forgiveness of their sins based on his finished work at Calvary.HUTSON SMELLEY is an attorney, Bible teacher and seminary student residing in Houston, Texas with his wife and seven children. He has a degree in Biblical Studies from the College of Biblical Studies, a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Houston, a M.S. in Mathematics from Texas A&M University, and a J.D. from the University of Houston. His website can be found at [www.proclaimtheword.net](http://www.proclaimtheword.net).

**Does God Love All or Some?**-Ronnie W. Rogers 2019-04-19 The term “extensivism” describes my position regarding the doctrine of salvation. Specifically, extensivism believes that man was created in the image of God with otherwise choice; God’s salvation plan involves an all-inclusive unconditional offer of salvation to every person, reception of which is conditioned upon grace-enabled faith rather than Calvinism’s exclusive plan of a limited actual offer of salvation to only the unconditionally elected. Generally, it replaces the term “non-Calvinism.” These are the five primary objectives of the book: First, my considerations would result in a deeper understanding of God. Second, I will demonstrate that God salvationally loves every single person. Third, I intend to offer a precise and respectful critique of Calvinism’s internal and biblical inconsistencies (these are largely due to its commitment to compatibilism and unconditional election). Fourth, I will demonstrate that God’s free choice to endow man with libertarian freedom is a more biblical perspective. Fifth, because a significant percentage of people who become Calvinists do not actually understand Calvinism, I seek to present Calvinism and extensivism in language that is precisely and consistently reflective of the commitments of each perspective regarding God’s sovereignty, salvific love, foreknowledge, and man’s freedom; this so a person can make an informed choice about Calvinism.

**Calvinism**-Bob Kirkland 2018 Spotlight on the life and teachings of John Calvin.

**For Calvinism**-Michael Horton 2011-10-25 The system of theology known as Calvinism has been immensely influential for the past five hundred years, but it is often encountered negatively as a fatalistic belief system that confines human freedom and renders human action and choice irrelevant. Taking us beyond the caricatures, Michael Horton invites us to explore the teachings of Calvinism, also commonly known as Reformed theology, by showing us how it is biblical and God-centered, leading us to live our lives for the glory of God. Horton explores the historical roots of Calvinism, walking readers through the distinctive known as the “Five Points,” and encouraging us to consider its rich resources for faith and practice in the 21st Century. As a companion to Roger Olson’s Against Calvinism, readers will be able to compare contrasting perspectives and form their own opinions on the merits and weaknesses of Calvinism.

**The Other Side of Calvinism**-Laurence M. Vance 1999-01-01 " ... a detailed historical examination and critical biblical analysis of the philosophical speculations and theological implications of Calvinism. Extensively documented from Calvinistic authorities, this book presents the other side to the over 400-year-old debate over the doctrines of Calvinism"--Back cover.

**Young, Restless, No Longer Reformed**-Austin Fischer 2014-01-13 Does it really matter? Does it matter if we have free will? Does it matter if Calvinism is true? And does what you think about it matter? No and yes. No, it doesn't matter because God is who he is and does what he does regardless of what we think of him, just as the solar system keeps spinning around the sun even if we're convinced it spins around the earth. Our opinions about God will not change God, but they can change us. And so yes, it does matter because the conversations about free will and Calvinism confront us with perhaps the only question that really matters: who is God? This is a book about that question--a book about the Bible, black holes, love, sovereignty, hell, Romans 9, Jonathan Edwards, John Piper, C. S. Lewis, Karl Barth, and a little girl in a red coat. You've heard arguments, but here's a story--Austin Fischer's story, and his journey in and out of Calvinism on a trip to the center of the universe.

**Calvin's Dilemma**-Dave Hunt 2015-01-01 Sovereignty versus free will: Can the centuries-old debate be resolved--biblically?Drawn from Dave Hunt's masterful work on the subject, What Love Is This? Calvinism's Misrepresentation of God, this long-awaited installment in the "easier-to-read" paperback series provides an invaluable and highly accessible examination of one of the most hotly-debated topics among evangelicals today. The apparent tension between God's sovereignty and man's free will has been a point of study and discussion--and, sadly, of contention--among sincere Christians for centuries. Some have taken the approach of C. I. Scofield, that these are two truths that must both be accepted but that cannot be reconciled. "Both are wholly true, but the connecting and reconciling truth has not been revealed." Likewise, W. L. Pettingill wrote, "God insists upon His sovereignty and also upon man's responsibility. Believe both and preach both, leaving the task of 'harmonizing' with Him." R. A. Torrey agreed that we should not "try to explain away the clear teaching of the Word of God, as to the sovereignty of God [and] the freedom of the human will...." Thus, Calvinists are faced with a dire dilemma when it comes to presenting the gospel. If man's only choice is to reject God unless he has been predestined to be sovereignly regenerated, why should one bother sharing the "good news" at all?Unfortunately, neither Calvin nor many of his followers today have been willing to accept both sides of this biblical teaching. As readers of this volume will discover, Calvinism denies what so many great evangelists have recognized is vital for "whosoever will" to hear. In Calvin's Dilemma, Dave Hunt skillfully demonstrates the essential balance that is required to bridge this divide biblically.

**Mere Calvinism**-Jim Orrick 2019 WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CALVINISM? There are so many misconceptions about Calvinism that it is safe to say that even most Christians do not truly know what it teaches. You may have grown up in a Reformed church, or you may have heard about Calvinism mostly in arguments. Either way, it may surprise you to know that this belief has huge, and very positive, implications for a believer's daily life! Jim Orrick clears up misinformation about Calvinism and explains its basic yet profound ideas and teachingsff,ff,,ff,,f,, "ff,ff,,ff,,f,,€ff,ff,,ff,,f,, "using the Bible as the basis for everything he says. Making use of relatable life illustrations, as well as an engaging, clear, and friendly style, he sets out the basics of what Calvinism teaches, explores each of the five points that summarize its positions, and addresses rebuttals and misunderstandings. Learn why the teachings of Calvinism not only matter, but can renew your trust and hope in the gospel!

**Calvinism and the Problem of Evil**-David E. Alexander 2016-07-13 Contrary to what many philosophers believe, Calvinism neither makes the problem of evil worse nor is it obviously refuted by the presence of evil and suffering in our world. Or so most of the authors in this book claim. While Calvinism has enjoyed a resurgence in recent years amongst theologians and laypersons, many philosophers have yet to follow suit. The reason seems fairly clear: Calvinism, many think, cannot handle the problem of evil with the same kind of plausibility as other more popular views of the nature of God and the nature of God's relationship with His creation. This book seeks to challenge that untested assumption. With clarity and rigor, this collection of essays seeks to fill a significant hole in the literature on the problem of evil.

**A Defense Of Calvinism-**

**Calvinism's Conflicts: An Examination of the Problems in Reformed Theology**-Gilbert VanOrder, Jr

**Calvin's Calvinism**-Jean Calvin 2009 Calvin's treatise on the related doctrines of predestination and providence was written in 1522. The original English edition divided the main treatise into two parts according to subject matter. Since Calvin wrote both parts as one treatise, the 2nd edition puts the two parts together. The volume also includes A Brief Reply and A Reply to the Slandorous Reports. Because knowledge of the historical setting of a writing is helpful for a full understanding of it, brief historical introductions to the documents in this volume are included.

**Hyper-Calvinism and the Call of the Gospel**-David J. Engelsma 2014 Is there a "well-meant offer" of salvation to all men? Or is the call of the gospel restricted to the elect only? Is there an alternative to these two extremes? This book sets forth and defends the Reformed position of the gospel call to all mankind.

**Calvin vs. Wesley**-Don Thorsen 2013-10-15 Congregations are made up of people with all sorts of theologies. Pastor Mike Slaughter even says that these can stand in the way of the church’s mission of social and personal holiness. But most people do not adopt a theology on purpose, mostly they merely breathe in the prevailing cultural air. The theology “de jour” seems to be Calvinist, with its emphasis on “the elect” and “other worldly salvation.” In fact, there is so much Calvinism saturating the culture, that some do not even know there is an alternative way of thinking about their faith. They don’t know where to go to find a viable option; they don’t even know the key words to search Google. So people are left thinking like Calvinists but living with a desire to change the world, offering grace and hope to hurting people in mission and ministry—loving the least, the last, and the lost. In other words, they are living like Wesleyans. This book shows what Calvinist and Wesleyans actually believe about human responsibility, salvation, the universality of God’s grace, holy living through service, and the benefits of small group accountability--and how that connects to how people can live. Calvinists and Wesleyans are different, and by knowing the difference, people will not only see the other benefits of Wesleyan theology but will be inspired to learn more. By knowing who they are as faithful people of God, they will be motivated to reach out in mission with renewed vigor. And they won’t be obstacles to grace and holiness, but they can be better disciples and advocates for Christ through service in this world.

**Why I Disagree with All Five Points of Calvinism**-Dr Curtis Hutson 2000-08

**Spurgeon V. Hyper-Calvinism**-Iain H. Murray 2010-09 C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) is best-remembered today for the remarkable ministry he exercised in London during the Victorian era. His influence was incalculable. Thousands listened to his preaching every week, while hundreds of thousands throughout the world later read his sermons in published form. A man of great natural gifts, charm and wit, Spurgeons master passion was evident in everything he did to preach Jesus Christ to all as the only Saviour. But as early as 1855 this brought him into a serious and prolonged doctrinal controversy with Hyper-Calvinism. By tracing this conflict, exploring the issues involved in it and showing what was at stake in them.

**Hyper-Calvinism and the Call of the Gospel**-David Engelsma 1994-01-01

**Augustine’s Calvinism**-C. Matthew McMahon 2013-01-03 Aurelius Augustine (354-430) is one of the most prominently known figures in the history of the Christian church. He was a philosopher and theologian of the highest order, and steadfastly preached on the grace of God. He preached and wrote on the grace of God so extensively to preserve the truth of the gospel (especially against the heretic Pelagius) that he was deemed “the Doctor of Grace.” Many today hold to what has become known as the Five Points of Calvinism, or the doctrines of grace. They comprise the five points of Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace and the Perseverance of the Saints. But did Augustine believe these same “Calvinistic” doctrines? Is Augustine’s theological view of sin, election, the death of Christ, regeneration and sanctification the same as the Reformers, the Puritans, or even those who hold to the Gospel of Grace today? This work is a survey of that question and demonstrates from Augustine’s works that he was, undoubtedly, a Calvinist. This is not a scan or facsimile, and contains an active table of contents for electronic versions.

**T.U.L.I.P. and the Bible**-Dave Hunt 2012-03-01 Thousands of readers have been wonderfully and powerfully influenced by Dave Hunt's authoritative, 590-page hardcover treatise on Calvinism, What Love Is This?, but many have asked for a more concise analysis of "reformed" theology. After years of popular demand, The Berean Call is pleased to offer this resource, designed to help believers navigate the confusing and conflicting views surrounding the Five Points of Calvinism, commonly known by the acronym T.U.L.I.P. Presented in an attractive, easy-to-read 5x7 paperback (and "trimmed down" to just 190 pages) are Dave's essential comments on the Five Points--extracted from the pages of What Love Is This? and beautifully arranged for greater accessibility. Some readers may never have heard of T.U.L.I.P. Others, though knowing that it has something to do with Calvinism, find it difficult to remember what each letter represents: "T" stands for Total Depravity "U" stands for Unconditional Election "L" stands for Limited Atonement "I" stands for Irresistible Grace "P" stands for Perseverance of the Saints Quoting from the major Calvinistic creeds or confessions (including actual citations and context from the Canons of Dort and the Westminster Confession of Faith), Dave Hunt proceeds to dissect the "sacred" T.U.L.I.P. one petal at a time--exposing each of Calvin's five points to the light of Scripture as a workman "rightly dividing the word of truth." With reformed theology and reconstructionism enjoying a recent resurgence among young adult ministries and across denominational boundaries, The Berean Call is pleased to offer this long-awaited resource at an attractive price for owning, sharing, and giving.

**In Defense of the Gospel**-Lou Martuneac 2006-02 This volume is a thorough biblical expose of what has come to be called Lordship Salvation. Throughout the volume, Lou Martuneac rightly emphasizes that one's personal salvation from sin is by Gods grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. The Lordship of Christ is not a condition for salvation, but is most assuredly Gods desire for His own. - Dr. Robert P. Lightner, Dallas Theological Seminary (Back cover).

**40 Questions About Calvinism**-Shawn D. Wright 2019-04-30 In 40 Questions About Calvinism , church historian Shawn Wright tackles many issues about the theological system known as Calvinism. Taking an irenic approach, Wright explains the key doctrines while also contrasting them with Arminianism. The accessible format allows readers to easily look up topics in which they’re most interested, including: • What is the difference between Calvinism and the Reformed tradition? • Does God love all people? • Did Jesus die for the sins of the whole world? • Can people resist the Holy Spirit? • Do Calvinists practice evangelism and missions? “Here is a book to put into the hands of such inquirers whose understanding of Calvinism may have been formed by those who caricature it. The fact that each chapter is a question helps readers go straight to the issue that is dogging them.” —Conrad Mbewe, Kabwata Baptist Church, Lusaka, Zambia “If you are a non-Calvinist seeking answers about Calvinism, you will find a clear and winsome presentation of the position, as well as a response to some key criticisms. If you are a Calvinist looking for a model of how to talk about these things with non-Calvinists, then you will find a helpful and humble model for explaining the Calvinist position and its points of disagreement with Arminianism, in a fair-minded, evenhanded way.” —Ligon Duncan, Reformed Theological Seminary

**Desiring God**-John Piper 1996 Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

**The Five Points of Calvinism**-George Bryson 1996

**Why I Am Not a Calvinist**-Jerry L. Walls 2013-06-06 Paying particular attention to the issue of God's sovereignty, Jerry L. Walls and Joseph R. Dongell critique biblical and theological weaknesses of Calvinist thought.

**Practical Implications of Calvinism**-Albert N. Martin 1979 True Christianity involves a sight of the majesty of God and calls for a godly life.

**The Five Points of Calvinism**-David N. Steele 1963

**On calvinism**-William Hull 1841

**The Dark Side of Calvinism**-George Bryson 2004-01-01 A biblically based examination, evaluation, and refutation of the Reformed Doctrine of Redemption and Reprobation.

**Institutes of the Christian Religion: Book first-Book second, chapter XI**-Jean Calvin 1845

**Saving Calvinism**-Oliver D. Crisp 2016-11-28 Is there hope for Calvinism beyond TULIP? For many, Calvinism evokes the idea of a harsh God who saves a select few and condemns others to eternal torment. Others find comfort in the Five Points of TULIP with its emphasis on the sovereignty of God's grace. Oliver Crisp thinks both sides have too small a picture of the Reformed tradition. There are ample resources for developing a more expansive Calvinism. Reformed Christians have inherited a vast mansion, but many of them only live in two rooms, reading John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards on repeat, while the rest of the house lies waiting for someone to discover its treasures. Saving Calvinism explores some of the thorniest problems in the Reformed tradition, including free will, the extent of the atonement, and the possibility of universal salvation. By engaging a host of Reformed thinkers and exploring often ignored ideas, Crisp shows that Calvinism is much more diverse and flexible than the stereotype suggests.

**The New Calvinism**-Josh Buice 2017 In recent years, there has been a surge in interest in the doctrines of grace, the Protestant Reformers, and sound biblical theology which has been labelled as New Calvinism. But is this new trend really any different from 'old Calvinism'? Does it offer any lasting transformation to the spiritual lethargy which has overgrown the church?

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