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## Chapter 1

### Calvinism's False god

"I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity of Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you put up with it well enough!" - 2 Cor.11:3,4.

Nothing in the spiritual life is by force or automatic. Calvinism rejects both of these biblical truths.

In Christ Jesus' death for all mankind's sin, God has been satisfied with that payment, so that anyone who repents of sin and has faith in the Lord Jesus, can be saved, has a good work begun in him by God, who thereby performs and perfects that in His disciple, as the disciple works out that salvation with fear and trembling and loving mutual fellowship with God until everlasting Day.

This, the God of Calvinism [GOC] and his followers reject as a false gospel.

The Gospel Invented by Calvinism [GIC] affirms the following: [**See Appendix 1: Quotes From Recognized Calvinists** for confirmation of these points.]

GOC is the author of sin since he Sovereignly controls all things in his creation.

GOC eternally predestined certain individuals for salvation and predestined the rest of mankind to everlasting punishment in hell with no option of believing and receiving the gospel.

GIC affirms that all mankind are so corrupted in sin, that none can hear, understand, believe, or choose the gospel. In the GIC, Totally Depravity means Total Inability.

GIC affirms that only by a supernatural regeneration of an "Elect" individual apart from that person's knowledge or choice can he be saved. But such "regeneration" by the "spirit" does not save, but only allows a person the ability to have faith.

GIC affirms that Jesus did not die for the sins of the whole world, but only for the sins of the "Elect."

GIC affirms that the GOC's Irresistible Grace for the salvation of the "Elect" cannot be resisted or refused, whether the individual chooses it or is aware of it or not.

According to GIC, the GOC does not actually love or show mercy to all mankind, though he claims he does. By this god's Secret Will, however, he hates, rejects, and condemns billions, though he could have by his Irresistible Grace, Sovereignly regenerated those same billions.

But the GIC says that the GOC was not pleased to save whosoever would believe. Rather, he did

not desire or plan for all to be saved, but by his unchangeable Eternal Decree, he preordained billions to eternal damnation. This was for the GOC's pleasure and glory.

Dear Reader, this is another Jesus, another Gospel, another Spirit, and another God. But it is Calvinism.

### **GOC Does Not Do What He Requires From Man**

#### **Exodus 23:4**

“If you come across your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.”

Here men are commanded to not only show compassion on one's enemy, but to actually take measures to restore that which is lost. If you see your enemy suffering loss, act to recover that to him so he won't be ruined.

What the true and living God of the Bible requires of us because He is full of mercy and the God of restoration, the GOC does not do. Enemies are suffering loss, and the GOC does nothing to prevent that, though he sees the plight and could restore the lost: but this god does not act to do so.

#### **Prov.24:11-13**

“Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back! If you say, ‘See, we did not know this;’ Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not repay everyone according to what they have done?”

Men will be judged guilty who see others staggering to slaughter and do nothing to deter or prevent that. The true and living God of the Bible expects that people who know Him, by love will make every effort to save those plunging to destruction.

The GOC does not do this. He knows, but does nothing. The GOC has already predestined those to stagger on to slaughter, destruction, and death.

This GOC, though he could have saved, established an Eternal Decree to cast these into the lake of fire. He did nothing to prevent this, but actually caused it.

Neither did the GOC send Jesus to pay the price by His death to save them: they were not “Elect.” No salvation is even possible for them. This is the false GIC by the false GOC.

#### **Mt.5:43-48**

“You have heard it said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, ‘Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those that hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, so that you may become sons of your Father who is in heaven.

If you love those who love you, what have you done more than others? Therefore, you are to perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

**V43** “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” The true Jesus forbids us to hate our enemies, but this is precisely what the GOC does: he loves those he likes and “Elects,” while hating the rest of mankind.

“Love your enemies.” This the true God of the Bible does. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Unique begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life” -Jn.3:16.

This is loving one’s enemies: doing something tangible and substantial to rescue and improve their lives. But this is not what the GOC does.

The GOC says he loves everyone, but not only does nothing to provide for all people’s salvation, though he could, but condemns all the “Non-Elect” to eternal torment. The GOC’s Secret Will had already predestined those whom he says he loves to everlasting suffering because it pleased him to do so.

**v44** “Bless them that curse you, do good to those who hate you.” This the true God of the Bible does. The true Jesus, as He was dying for the sins of all mankind, prayed on the cross for the wicked “Non-Elect” men who put Him to death: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” -Lk.23:34.

But the GOC cannot and will not forgive them; the prayer of the true Jesus will remain unanswered, because the GOC from all eternity predestined those to destruction.

The Jesus Invented by Calvinism [JIC] did not die for their sins, but only for those of the “Elect.” The Spirit Invented by Calvinism [SIC] did nothing by Sovereign Grace to enable them to repent. No Irresistible Grace was forced upon them, because they were damned by the GOC’s predestined Eternal Decree.

Thus, what we are required to do, i.e., not curse, but bless, the GOC does just the opposite. We are to do good to those who hate us, but the GOC is exempt from his own requirements.

If we fail, we are condemned as sinning. If the GOC doesn’t do what he requires of us, though he says he is doing it, he is vindicated and glorified.

The true and living God of the Bible does good to those who hate Him. “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son” -Rm.5:8,10.

This, the GOC does not do. He curses by an unchanging Eternal Decree that condemns billions of souls into eternal fire because his Secret Will was pleased to do so. Those have no hope of ever being blessed, because the GOC predestined that it would be so, all unto his “glory,” yet all the while still claiming to love them.

**v44** “Pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you.” This the true Lord Jesus Christ

did upon the cross.

The GOC offers no sacrifice for sins, no intercession is available, and no mediation provided. The JIC did not die for the “Non-Elect.” The GIC says that the JIC did not die for the sins of the whole world, but only for those predestined as his “Elect.”

**v45** “That you may become sons of your Father in heaven, and perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.” We are to become like the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true God of the Bible: loving the righteous and unrighteous alike, doing good to all, even those who despise, reject, and persecute us: drawing all unto the free and full salvation that Christ has purchased for all mankind. That will make us like the God of the Bible, our true Father in heaven.

The commands given by Christ here are to make us like His Father in heaven. If we believe in the GOC, we will never be like our true Father in heaven; they are two different gods.

The commands and decrees, condemnation, and withholding of good from those who desperately need it by the GOC, will make us hate enemies and neglect them, leaving them to perish, because that is what this false god does.

#### **1 Jn.3:17,18**

“But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and in truth.”

The GOC has the ability to provide salvation to every person who has ever lived, but he does not. He not only withholds salvation from them by an Eternal Decree, he irrevocably condemns them to eternal torment by his predestined Secret Will.

The GOC did and does nothing to relieve the helpless, but rather predestined them to hell. He did not pay for their sins in the death of the JIC, and provided no Irresistible Grace to lift them out of their desperate state.

True love is demonstrated, not by empty words, but by tangible acts that alleviate the pitiable condition and plight of men.

But the GOC loves in word and tongue, not in deed and truth. Love is on his lips by his Revealed Will in the Bible, but by his Secret Will, not contained in the Bible, he rejects and despises those he claims he loves.

He is condemned by the very word he demands from men: men who are condemned if they do not love in deed and truth: the manner that he says he does, but deviously does not, and never intended to do so.

#### **1 Jn.4:7-20**

“Love is from God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His One and only Unique begotten Son into



the world, so that we might live through Him.

“In this is love, that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.; the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

**V8:** The one who does not love, does not know God. This verse alone collapses the man-made house of cards erected as Calvinism.

The GOC does not love. He is a master deceiver. He professes love, but does not love. “His mouth was smoother than butter, but his heart was war; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords” -Ps.55:21.

The GOC speaks with idle, empty, falsehood by his Revealed Will: *I love you and want you to be saved*, all the while knowing that these very ones have been irrevocably consigned to eternal torment by his own Eternal Decree by his Secret Will.

The true and living God of the Bible loves in sincerity and truth, has made provision for the sins of every individual who will ever be born, and extends the gracious offer of salvation to any and all who will believe and receive.

The GOC is a liar on an astronomical scale. The true Lord Jesus of the Bible says that the devil “was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, for there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks the lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies” -Jn.8:44.

What other conclusion can we come to? The GOC is that devil. The GOC from the beginning by Eternal Decree, consigned to everlasting fire billions of souls that he wickedly and deceptively and repeatedly claims to love, without doing one thing to even provide a way of escape for them!

Is this not deception? Is this not brazen duplicity? Isn't this undiluted falsehood and wickedness? Of course it is.

But of the true and living God of the Bible we know for certain: “It is impossible for God to lie” - Heb.6:18. And “the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before eternal ages” - Tit.1:2.

Yes, from eternity, this was the true and living God's intention and plan: to provide and offer eternal life to any and all who would come and receive.

But this certainly is not true of the GOC. His promise from eternal ages was to condemn, destroy, and eternally torment billions of souls. And then, to masquerade the monster that he is, he feigns love, assures of his good intentions, and graciously invites men to avail themselves of his benevolence.

But his predestined “election” is unconditional. The JIC made no provision whatsoever for the

“Non-Elect’s” sins to be forgiven. And these whom the GIC affirms are irretrievably unable to respond, are hurled into their destiny of hell-fire while the GOC whispers his offers of love until drowned out by their shrieks of torment.

The GOC not only does not know God, he is not God; he is the devil.

**V9:** The evidence of genuine love from the true and living God of the Bible is that He sent His Son into world that we might live through Him.

The true love of God is known only by this: God sent Jesus into the world that we might live through Him. The true love of the true God moved Him to give His Son so that the entire world might not perish, but have eternal life.

The false love of the false GOC moved him to withhold the only means of eternal life from billions, by sending the JIC to die for the sins of the “Elect” only.

Sinners, who are completely unable according to the GIC to respond even if a payment had been made for their sins, are given no assistance out of that quagmire of wretchedness.

The SIC did not “regenerate” them so that they could at least have a chance of believing. He did not do so because they had already been predestined to destruction.

The conclusion is inescapable: the GOC does not love.

**V10:** True love from the true and living God of the Bible is demonstrated in this: propitiation. Propitiation is defined as satisfying the righteous demands of the holy God against sinful men.

And this the Lord Jesus Christ did upon the cross. The true and living God of the Bible had every demand against sinful men resolved to His utmost satisfaction.

“It is finished” -Jn.19:30 was the cry of the Lord Jesus upon the cross. That phrase was used in the NT era to indicate payment in full of goods transferred from the owner to the purchaser. “Paid in Full” was written across the receipt.

The Lord Jesus Christ “wiped out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it away, having nailed it to His cross.

“When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He has made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” -Col.2:14,15.

But the GOC has Eternal Decrees against us which he has not taken out of the way, for he is the one that decreed them! And it was the pleasure of his will to send the JIC to not satisfy his righteous demands of sin against himself.

*Just let them suffer eternal torment. I'll be “glorified” by that. Sounding more and more like the devil, don't you think?*

**V14:** Yes, the true and living God of the Bible sent the Lord Jesus as the Savior of the world. He did

not die only for the sins of the “Elect.”

“For God thus loved the world that He gave His One and only Unique Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life” -Jn.3:16 [emphasis added].

“This One indeed is the Savior of the world” -Jn.4:42.

“We have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers” - 1 Tim.4:10 [emphasis added].

The true and the living God is the Savior of all men. He has provided a satisfactory price in the death of the Lord Jesus for the sins of every individual who will ever be born on this planet.

Provision has been made. Salvation is secured and available. But not all will receive or benefit from that: but not because of supposed inability to choose or not being among a presumed predestined group of “Elect” as the GIC would tell us.

Even “false teachers who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them” -2 Pet.2:1 [emphasis added] have had a ransom paid for their deliverance.

Likewise, even one who has “trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace” -Heb.10:29 [emphasis added], have had his sins paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ.

True, “Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her” -Eph.5:25. But the church is not the only ones for whom Christ died. He died for the entire world as well: He is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

Yes, the church is indeed a “treasure hidden in the field,” -Mt.13:44, but the Lord Jesus did not merely purchase the treasure. No, He “sold everything He had and bought that field” -Mt.13:44. And “the field is the world” -Mt.13:38, in which the treasure was hidden.

The Lord Jesus did in fact “die for the nation [of Israel], and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” Jn.11:51,52. The death of the Lord Jesus was not for the “Elect” only.

The Lord Jesus “Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world” -1 Jn.2:2 [emphasis added].

**V20:** Whoever would say, “I Love,” but hates; he is a liar.

If one does not love man whom he can see, he cannot love God whom he has not seen.

The GOC is condemned by the Word of the true and living God of the Bible. The GOC sees men in their desperate plight and does absolutely nothing resembling love to recuse them. The GOC cannot be the true and loving God of the Bible.

## **GOC Does What He Condemns Man For**

Theft is a crime punishable by judges, even unto beatings and imprisonment. Rape, kidnapping, murder, sorcery, and adultery are worse still; they demand death of the violators according to OT law.

Ravaging a woman by forcing her to engage in sexual relations against her will is outlandishly evil. Kidnapping a person and taking him to where he does not wish to go is a violation of the sanctity of his will.

Taking someone's life by murder is an abominable breach of the sanctity of life; no one chooses to have his life ended in that way. Sorcery invokes seducing malicious spirits to manipulate a person into conditions they would never have chosen otherwise.

Adultery violates the most sacred of human covenants without the permission of the innocent partner. The compliant two parties in the lustful crime are to be executed.

These all have an obvious common denominator: Violation of a person's will is a heinous crime. People cannot engage in any of these acts without the severest of punishments; all are reprehensibly wicked.

Yet the GOC does all of these things by his Irresistible Grace.

Despite whether a person wants the GOC's "love" forced upon him, he ravages that soul against his will. Whether he is conscious of it being done to him or not, the GOC does it anyway.

By employing the SIC, the soul is manipulated into decisions, circumstances, and conditions he never would have chosen otherwise, except by Calvinism's Irresistible Grace.

In the tangled web of Calvinism, this SIC kidnaps, steals, molests, and overpowers the soul; and it is Irresistible. And the GOC is "glorified" by it.

But this is not grace; it is a steamroller whereby the soul is taken hostage against its will, to go to places as a captive, to be subjected to and return lustful advances as a now "willing" lover because the soul had no choice in the matter.

The GOC is neither gracious nor loving; he is a monster: a tyrant who imposes his will upon even the unwilling and unconscious via a spirit of ravaging and bondage.

This is not the true God of the Bible.

### **Mt.23:1-4,13**

"Do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

“Woe to you hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from mankind; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

**V.3:** “They say things and do not do them.” Their condemnation is just, for they have the correct words on their lips, but do not practice what is professed. Pharisees and all like them were condemned because of this.

Likewise is the GOC. What he condemns men for, he is abysmally guilty of as the master hypocrite. He says he wants all to be saved, but they cannot, for he will not do anything to make that possible.

**V.4:** “They bind up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with a finger.” So is the GOC.

Men are “to be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect” -Mt.5:48. They are “to be holy, for I am holy” -1 Pet.1:16.

But this GOC is neither perfect nor holy; he condemns when he could save, he predestines to destruction when he could predestine to salvation, he does not send the JIC to die for all men’s sins, and he does not infuse them with his SIC by Sovereign Grace.

And yet according to the GIC, men are completely unable to respond to any offer of salvation; they are incapable of responding to any call to repent, believe, and receive. And these same people are banished to everlasting fire because they did not repent and believe, even though they are Totally Depraved, i.e., completely unable to choose, repent, and believe.

And the GOC could have provided for them an escape from damnation, but he was pleased to do otherwise.

Sounds like the GOC laying burdens upon men’s shoulders, and from his own unwillingness, doing nothing to alleviate the load. It’s what the true Jesus of the Bible condemned the Pharisees for; it is what the GOC is condemned for.

**V.13:** The most stringent of woes are pronounced upon hypocritical religious men who “shut off the kingdom of heaven from people, nor do you allow those who are entering to enter.”

Pharisees could not escape the damnation of hell because of this. “You serpents, you brood of vipers! How shall you escape the damnation of hell!?” -Mt.23:33.

Perhaps they were followers of the GOC; he too shuts off the kingdom of heaven from men and hinders any who might wish to enter.

He did not choose them, nor make provision for their sins, nor influence them irresistibly so that they could enter. Pharisees and the GOC are both wicked and cannot escape the damnation of hell.

And yet in this very verse is an additional undeniable refutation of the GIC. The true Jesus of the Bible says that men were seeking and actually about to enter the kingdom of heaven.

But something happened to prevent that: Pharisees did not allow them to enter, and actually shut off the kingdom from them. Curious.

The GIC says that men are incapable of seeking, choosing, or entering the kingdom of heaven unless by the GOC's Irresistible Grace, whereby he first "regenerates" them by the SIC.

And then, when irresistibly overpowered, people will irresistibly enter; nothing can possibly prevent that.

That is, except wicked Pharisees; they can prevent what is "irresistible." They can halt what the GOC has eternally decreed for his "Elect" through the SIC.

Obviously, according to the true Word of God, Irresistible Grace is not irresistible. Obviously, people can seek and enter the kingdom of heaven apart from the fiction of the GIC.

The truth of the matter is: there is no Eternal Decree of Sovereign Grace that Predestines the "Elect" to salvation and the "Non-elect" to everlasting torment. There is no SIC that irresistibly ravages the soul of the unwilling, forcing salvation upon the unsuspecting whether he wants it or not.

Without controversy, if a wicked Pharisee can prevent what the GOC says is irresistible, then the GIC is nothing less than a false gospel.

#### **James 2:14-17**

Fatih without works is dead. "If a brother or sister is without clothing and is destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"

This is a "faith" that cannot save, one that renders the person professing it to be a fool [v.20]. There is no salvation in such a pretense of empty words void of tangible reality.

If we are condemned for such lack, how much more the imaginary GOC who lacks the very thing he deceptively offers to billions of souls who are destitute of a robe of righteousness and the bread of life!

He has done nothing to alleviate the condition of untold sufferers. Such a "faith" among men is false, is dead: Such is the GOC; he is also false and dead.

#### **Lk.10:30-37**

The GOC is not a "Good Samaritan." He, like the wicked priest who saw the pitiable condition of the helpless man, passed by on the other side of the road, doing nothing to remedy his misery.

The true Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible is like the Good Samaritan, who, when He saw him, "felt compassion and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on His own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him."

The true Jesus provided and paid everything for the recovery and rescue of the helpless man who had lost all and was left half dead.

The GOC and the JIC do nothing. From all eternity they passed by on the other side of the road.

The pointed question of Jesus still must be answered: “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” -Lk.10:36.

Which of the three proves to be a neighbor to the miserable and helpless: the GOC, JIC, and SIC, or the true Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of the Bible?

I vote for the latter: these are the Ones who had mercy and actually made provision for the desperate plight and needs of helpless humanity.

Those that passed by on the other side of the road we instinctively and rightly despise.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Man’s True Condition**

#### **What Can We Know?**

**Rm.1:18-25,28,32**

Men can know, apprehend, reason, understand, make decisions, reject and exchange the truth of God for a lie. God’s delivering men to their unapproved and rejected ways [v.28], resulted from their refusal to choose truth, not due to an imaginary Eternal Decree of corruption and everlasting suffering, or their incapacity to choose the good and right.

#### **What Can We Choose?**

**Mt.11:20**

“Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent” [emphasis added]. They could choose, but did not.

**Lk.11:13**

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” [emphasis added].

Here are men, whom the Lord Jesus says are evil, knowing how to give good gifts. These same evil men can ask for the Holy Spirit, which involves knowledge, desire, and choice, and the Father will hear and answer. Sinful man can yet choose.

**Lk.19:14,27**

“But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’ [and the nobleman said] ‘But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence” [emphasis added].

**Lk.22:67**

“‘If you are the Christ, tell us.’ But He said to them, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe’” [emphasis added]. It was a choice, not an impossibility.

**2 Thess.2:10-12**

Deception came because they “did not receive [Gk. Acts 11:1; 17:11; 1 Thess.1:6; 2:13; James 1:21] the love of the truth, so as to be saved.” They could, but didn’t.

God gave them over, not due to an imaginary decree or inherent inability to choose, but because they “did not believe the truth...”

Judgment from God is based upon unbelief and the rejection of the truth, not because of an Eternal Decree of doom.

**Rm.2:14,15**

“When nations who do not have the Law, do by nature things required by the Law, they are a law unto themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness” [emphasis added].

By nature, the Nations may do the things of the law, and not by an imagined “regeneration” before they have faith. Sinful man is still able to choose God and his salvation.

**Deut.30:19,20**

“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, that you may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him, for that is your life!”

It is insane and cruel to command a totally incompetent person to do what he is completely incapable of doing. God expects sinful men to choose.

**Josh.24:14-27**

“Fear the Lord and serve Him” [v.14]. “Choose for yourselves whom you will serve” [v.15]. “We will serve the Lord” [v.18,21,24].

“You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves the Lord, to serve Him.”



And they said, “We are witnesses” [v.22].

**Job 34:2-4**

“Let us choose for ourselves what is right; let us know among ourselves what is good” [emphasis added].

**Ps.119:30**

“I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me” [emphasis added].

**Ps.119:173**

“Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts” [emphasis added].

**Prov.2:1-4**

“Receive My Words; Treasure My commandments. Make your ear attentive to wisdom. Incline your heart to understanding. Cry for discernment. Lift your voice for understanding. Seek her; search for her.”

The call is to even the “naïve, simple-minded, mockers, and fools” -Prov.1:22 to: receive, treasure, be attentive, incline heart, cry, lift voice, seek, and search. Even these type of sinners are called to seek and choose.

## **Chapter 3**

### **TULIP**

TULIP is an acronym that came into use to summarize what the Synod of Dort in 1619 concluded about the beliefs of Calvinist Reformed churches.

Some Calvinists do not subscribe to every point of this summary, but it does present what most have believed and adhered to over the centuries.

It is a wholistic system. One cannot modify or deny any one of these 5 points without collapsing the entire paradigm. It represents a tightly woven logical theological position, but not a biblically justifiable one.

### **T U L I P**

**T—Total Depravity**

*GIC: Sin has so thoroughly corrupted all people that no one is able to hear, understand, believe, repent, respond, or choose God and salvation.*

Freedom of conscience is eliminated and slain by GIC. All men's wills are in bondage and totally unable to function except by forces they did not choose: either evil forces or by the GOC forcing Himself upon them.

Before sin, Adam was upright, holy, sinless, and perfect. How then could he choose evil, darkness, and rebellion?

Was it "Sovereignly Decreed"? Or is there capacity in human will to choose evil even when righteous, and to choose good even when unrighteous?

Was God the causative agent of evil in Lucifer becoming the devil? The Eternal Decrees of Calvinism must say, "Yes." The Bible says, "No."

The GOC consigns all people into corruption and complete inability to remove themselves from that, or even choose to do so, and then condemns them for not choosing Him and salvation.

This is unjust, wicked, and irrational. How can someone be guilty of a horrific crime planned by another that he had no ability to resist or escape from? The GIC says man cannot choose, and yet is condemned for not choosing.

The GIC asks us to believe, without presenting any rational proof or biblical evidence, that the passages in the Scriptures calling men to repent, believe, and respond to the gospel, are directed to the "Elect" only.

But why would that be necessary since the "Elect" have been predestined for salvation by an Eternal Decree, cannot respond since they are Totally Depraved, and will by Irresistible Grace be Sovereignly regenerated apart from any faith or response on their part anyway? That's senseless.

And, the GIC says that the reprobate "Non-Elect" are already condemned by an unchanging Eternal Decree to everlasting torment, but that the calls to repentance show God's love toward those who are completely unable to respond and have been predestined to sin and destruction.

According to the GIC, they will never be blessed with Irresistible Grace and regenerated so that they could respond and have faith. That will never happen because the JIC did not die for their sins anyway.

Finally, they are then condemned by the GOC for their failure to believe. That is not love; it is irrational, unjust, and wickedness.

But it is Calvinism; and that is a false god, a false christ, a false gospel, and a false spirit.

#### **2 Cor.4:3,4**

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ."

If **T** means inability to see, hear, understand, believe, repent, or choose to respond to the Word of

God, Satan does not need to blind the minds of the T; they are already that way by the effects of sin and the preordained Eternal Decree of the GOC.

Unless man, though sinful and corrupt, still has the ability to understand and choose, satanic blinding adds not one thing to man's already darkened condition. In fact, it is the GOC that keeps man in that condition.

Dear Reader, it's beginning to sound uncomfortably like Satan and the GOC are on the same team; neither one wants the unbeliever to hear, understand, repent, and turn from his evil way.

#### **Mk.4:15**

"When they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the Word which has been sown in them" [emphasis added].

Why does Satan need to take away the Word that was sown in them if T is true? Actually, the GOC has put the devil out of business; he is obsolete, for the GOC has taken over his job of keeping mankind in the dark and on their way to hell.

#### **Jer.8:4-6**

"Thus says the Lord, 'Do men fall and not get up again? Does one turn away and not turn back? Why then has this people turned away in continual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return. No man repented of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?"'"

If T is true, why does God expect that those who fall, should get up again and turn away from their evil: and why are they guilty of not repenting unless they have the ability to do that?

Of course they have the ability. The true and living God of the Bible expects that fallen men will arise, that those who have gone astray will return, and will be smitten with conviction and grief over their wicked departure from the Lord and His ways.

Why do they refuse to return? Why have they not repented and said, "What have I done?" Because of their choice, not because of their inability.

Man is guilty because of willfulness, not helplessness: because of choice, not an Eternal Counsel of condemnation.

But the GOC is repulsed by such ideas; man is T because the GOC made him so, and all for his good pleasure [but the word "good" should be stricken from that sentence. What brings pleasure to the GOC is not good at all].

#### **Isa.1:15-20**

"So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood.

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to

do evil, learn to do good; seek justice. If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land.”

The true and living God of the Bible expects that man is to wash and make himself clean, consent and obey: then it will be well.

He requires this of all people: all of whom are responsible to do so. Sinful man can yet choose, though sinful. He can yet believe, though in darkness. He can yet repent, though ensnared.

And he must, because the true God will judge him if he does not. Sinful man is still a responsible moral being who must choose to repent of evil: he is not unable to do that as **T** would have us think.

### **2 Tim.3:15**

“From childhood you have known the Sacred Writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Even a child can know and have spiritual wisdom that would lead to salvation through faith: by choosing Christ Jesus by an act of his will.

### **Ezek.33:11**

“Say to them, ‘As I live!’ says the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’”

The true and living God of the Bible takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. The GOC does.

The true and living God of the Bible takes pleasure in the wicked turning away from evil in order to live! But the GOC does not.

The true and living God of the Bible pleads with the wicked to repent, to turn back, and choose the Lord and His ways. The GOC makes no such pleas, because he has predestined the “Non-Elect” to destruction with no ability to respond to such calls to repent.

The true and living God of the Bible expects that the wicked will hear and understand, and then turn back from sin, repent, and walk in His ways. The GOC does not; he has consigned men to perish and takes pleasure in that.

### **Isa.55:6,7**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him.”

Here, the Lord God of the Bible invites sinful men to seek Him, call upon Him, to forsake evil, and return to Himself. These are realities that are possible and expected by the true God.

The GOC scoffs at such useless appeals. *How can a corpse dead in trespasses and sins hear, seek, call, forsake, or do anything? He is absolutely unable.*

*And I made him that way from all eternity,* says the GOC and his doctrine of T.

Man's problem is not inability, but unwillingness.

**Mt.7:7,8,11**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him?” [emphasis added].

The Lord Jesus Christ expects that men, evil men, will ask, seek, and knock. He then assures that everyone who does so will receive.

If wicked men know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more so does the true good and living God give to those who ask Him? And those who ask, by Jesus' own description, are evil.

The true and living God of the Bible gives what is good to evil men who ask, seek, and knock. The GOC does not. The GOC is not good.

The GOC has by his Eternal Decree already consigned all the “Non-Elect” to not only receiving nothing from His hand, but he has predetermined that these evil men who are asking, seeking, and knocking will receive eternal fire and torment for their “futile” desire to be saved.

**Mt.22:3**

“He sent out His slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come” [emphasis added].

The true and living God has made abundant provision for any and all to enter and partake of His bounty and rejoice in honoring His Son. He has extended a legitimate invitation to each; He is desiring and expectant that they will come.

But not all came. And why? They were unwilling: not unable.

I hope you see that the GOC is not the King of this parable. No sincere invitation is issued by him for any and all to come; he has already predestined who those are that will be irresistibly compelled to come against their will. The rest are consigned to hell.

**Deut.30:1-3**

“When all of these things have come upon you, and you cause them to return to your heart, and

you return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice with all your heart and soul, then the Lord your God will restore your captivity and have compassion on you” [emphasis added].

Man has the capacity to reflect, choose, and listen with all his heart. The true and living God of the Bible expects that evil men will do so. Man’s repentant choice precedes being saved and regenerated.

This verse absolutely contravenes all that the GIC asserts, both about the GOC, and the nature and ability of men. These are two different Gods and two different “gospels.”

#### **2 Chron.15:2,4**

“Listen! The Lord is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him. In their trouble they turned to the Lord God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.”

This verse flies in the face of the delusion of the GIC’s doctrine of T. The true and living God of the Bible expects man to listen, seek Him, and turn to Him.

It is then that the real God lets us find Him: and not by the GOC’s imaginary Irresistible Grace, that supposedly “regenerates” an unwilling soul beforehand so that he then can have the ability to choose.

#### **Jer.29:13**

“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”

The true and living God of the Bible declares that we are responsible to seek and search for Him with all our heart. The GOC says that this is impossible.

#### **Zech.1:2,3**

“The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts’: ‘Return to Me,’ ‘declares the Lord of hosts’, ‘that I may return to you.’”

The true and living God of the Bible commands men to return to Him before He returns to them.

The GOC says this is impossible, for men are unable. The GIC says it’s only if man is first regenerated by the SIC that he could even think about returning.

Aren’t you glad that the GOC is a false god?

#### **2 Chron.30:9**

“The Lord your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him” [emphasis added].

Forget about the GOC. Let us return to the true and living God of the Bible. He will not turn His face away from us. He will receive all who come to Him with a willing heart.

**T** is a lie, which renders the whole GIC a lie.

### **U—Unconditional Election**

*GIC: God's Eternal Decree predestined what He willed to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation. Nothing can alter that; hence, it is unconditional: no desire or choice of man influences God or His decrees.*

**U** is only true if **T** is true: if man is actually unable to choose God and His ways. Everything in the GIC stands or falls on **T**. But if man can actually choose to respond to the gospel, then **U** is false.

However, if **T** is true, then predestined election and damnation are unconditionally determined by the GOC, as well as both good and evil.

### **Ex.33:3,5**

“I [the Lord] will not go up in your midst, because you are a stiff-necked people, and I might destroy you on the way. Should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do to you” [emphasis added].

Here is a scene that demonstrates the foolishness of **U**. No unchanging unconditional Eternal Decree is governing what transpires here.

The true and living God of the Bible talks about contingencies: what He would do if He did one thing, and what He would do in another scenario. His determination depended on several factors.

He required the people to “put off your ornaments.” And why? “That I may know what I shall do with you.”

And they did: “So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments” -Ex.33:6.

Then, based upon Moses' intercession, the Lord said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest” -Ex.33:14. And why? “The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will also do this thing that you have spoken’” -Ex.33:17.

The true and living God of the Bible acts in response to man's actions and choices. He is not bound by an imaginary Eternal Decree that He supposedly established and set in motion unconditionally.  
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He boldly reveals in Ps.106:23 that “He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, to turn away His wrath from destroying them.”

The GOC has no coherent answer for the true and living God behaving as described in these passages, since he is a different god altogether.

### **Mt.23:37 & Jonah 3:5-10; 4:2**

Jesus said: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted/wished/willed to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling” -Mt.23:37 [emphasis added].

In Jonah, the message of the Lord was that He would destroy Ninevah in 40 days. Then this happens.

“Then the people of Ninevah believed God” -Jonah 3:5. The king called for a fast with sackcloth and said, “Let men cry mightily to God that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands.

“Who knows, God may turn and repent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish” -Jonah 3:8,9 [emphasis added].

Then the true and living God of the Bible records this: “When God saw that they turned from their wicked way, then God repented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it” -Jonah 3:10 [emphasis added].

And why did He do so? Because “You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and One who repents concerning calamity” -Jonah 4:2 [emphasis added].

Here are two ends of the spectrum regarding the delusion of **U** and **T**. In the Matthew passage, Jesus desired/willed to gather those who rejected Him; in Jonah, the true God desired to judge those rejecting Him.

In Matthew they were unwilling; in Jonah they were willing. In Matthew, because of their unwillingness, they were judged. In Jonah, because of their willingness, they were spared from judgment.

The choice of unbelief on the one hand, and the choice of belief on the other, determined what the true Jesus and the true and living God repented of.

Jesus repented of desiring and being willing to gather them to Himself and pronounced judgment upon them for their refusal to come.

“Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! They were unwilling to come. But the King was enraged, and he sent His armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire” -



Mt.23:38; 22:3,7 [emphasis added].

The true and living God of the Bible repented of His pronounced judgment upon the Ninevites and blessed them instead, because of their turning from evil.

No imaginary U determined either situation: Whether men repented and believed, did.

**Ezek.13:22**

“You disheartened the righteous with lies when I did not cause him grief, but have encouraged the wicked not to turn from his wicked way and save his life.”

It is the sincere desire of the true and living God that wicked men turn from their evil ways so as to be saved. So much so, that He condemns any who hinder and turn away wicked men from repenting.

But this is precisely all that the GOC does: hindering and turning away wicked men from repenting. He actually has unchangeably blocked their path from ever doing so. The GOC is condemned by the Words of the true and living God.

**2 Pet.3:9**

“The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing/desiring/intending for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

When the true and the living God says that He is not desiring for any to perish, He is speaking the truth. He has done something to make that a reality; He sent the Lord Jesus to pay the price for the sins of all individuals. The true God did something to make His desire a possibility. Repentance then makes His desire an actuality, because men can repent.

The GOC deceptively speaks these same words via his Revealed Will, but behind the scenes, completely denies by his Secret Will everything he has spoken publicly by his Revealed Will.

By his Revealed Will he wants them saved. By his Secret Will, he wants them condemned: and his Secret Will always will prevail because this same GOC Eternally Decreed that it would be so.

The GOC calls upon men who have no ability at all to repent, to do just that: Repent. But he knows they cannot; he has already consigned them to hell and his SIC will never Irresistibly “regenerate” them. In fact, JIC never died for them.

For the GOC to say he loves men and desires everyone to be saved is a charade: no, it is a bold faced lie.

**Ezek.18:21-32**

“If the wicked man turns from all his sins, he shall surely live; he shall not die” [emphasis added].

“If.” How can the true and living God speak about “if,” unless man truly has the ability to choose

one way or the other?

How can “if” be included in the vocabulary of the GOC? It cannot, because of the GIC’s U. Unconditional is decidedly unconditional. “If” throws a monkey wrench into the false GIC’s U. And the monkey wrench is there from the Words of the true God.

**Mk.6:6**

“Jesus marveled/wondered at their unbelief.”

If U is true, why would Jesus marvel/wonder? Their unbelief was already determined by the GOC’s Eternal Decree. The JIC wouldn’t wonder, because it had already been decided unconditionally.

The true Jesus of the Bible wondered, because it is a grievous evil and disappointment that sinful men do not see, recognize, and choose to follow Jesus, the Light of life. That is an occasion to marvel.

**Rm.11:14,23**

“If somehow, I might provoke to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them. And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again” [emphasis added].

Here are unbelievers, that if somehow they might be brought to repent of and discontinue in their unbelief and be saved. These are the plain statements of these verses.

The true and living God is not bound by an imaginary Eternal Decree of U. There are no fixed and unchangeable groups of “Elect” and “Non-Elect.”

The gospel is going forth that, by all godly means at our disposal, we might move some to repentance and thus they become saved.

The GOC and the GIC recoil in horror at such an idea. And the Word of God recoils in horror at the delusion of GIC.

**1 Cor.1:21**

“God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached, to save those who believe.”

The true and living God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his ways and be saved.

The means He employs is the preaching of His Word that is believed and received by the people who hear. That is the plain truth of the matter.

The GOC is pleased for the sake of his “glory,” to irretrievably condemn those that he assigned to that doom. This false god’s pleasure is derived from his Eternal Decree that billions should suffer unendingly.

### **Jn.12:46-48**

“I have come as Light into the world, so that all/whosoever/everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

“If anyone hears My Words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come into the world to judge the world, but to save the world.

“He who rejects Me and does not receive My Words, has one who judges him; the Word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day” [emphasis added].

All/whosoever/everyone is the same word found in Jn.3:16: “whosoever believes in Him...” It is also the same word in Jn.3:20: “Everyone who does evil hates the Light” [emphasis added].

This is an all-inclusive term; It describes all who do evil as well as all who believe. Without controversy, every single individual does evil: no category of person is excepted from this. Likewise, every single individual is able to believe, if he is willing: no category of person is excepted from this either.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. The world is every single individual, none are exempted. The reason for this is clear: Every single individual in the world will be judged by the Words of Christ on the last day.

This is evident from many passages. Heb.9:27 says: “It is appointed for men once to die, and after this the judgment.” None are exempt.

At the final Day, “I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing before the throne, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds” -Rev.20:12. None are exempt.

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left” -Mt.25:31-33. None are exempt.

The point is that all men, the entire world, are included in these descriptions. When Jesus says in Jn.12:47 that He came to “save the world,” He is not referring to a select class of elite “Elect” who were predestined to this.

The reason for this is clear. In Lk.19:10 He states: “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” [emphasis added]. Jn.12:47 states, to “save the world” [emphasis added].

All who have ever lived are lost; these are the ones the Lord Jesus came to save: and this constitutes the entire populace of the world.

The meaning of Jn.12:46-48 is that anyone who believes will no longer be in darkness, but will be saved and not condemned along with those who reject and disbelieve.

The GIC rejects these Words from the true Jesus of the Bible. The GOC did not send the JIC to save the world, but only the “Elect” of the GIC’s U.

I hope you see an irresolvable conflict between what the Word of God says and what the GIC says; both things cannot possibly be true.

Also, if U is true, then what meaning does this give to God testing the hearts of His “Elect”? Their thoughts, responses, and desires are already not only known, but predetermined from Eternal Decrees.

How can the “testing/proof/genuineness of your faith” -James 1:3 [emphasis added] have any significance, if that “faith” is not ours actually, but has been predestined and preprogrammed from Sovereign Eternal Decrees and administered unconsciously against our will by Irresistible Grace?

That would be applauding one’s own invention and creation that was preprogrammed for such an outcome: a hollow charade. The GOC may applaud himself and his GIC for that invention, but we do not.

The GIC’s U imagines that if a person believes and is therefore saved, that this means that the GOC is not Sovereign, and that salvation thus depends upon man’s “works.”

The GIC affirms that salvation is *entirely dependent upon the GOC’s Sovereign Irresistible Grace and Unconditional Election. Otherwise, the “faith” of man adds “works” to salvation and is thus a false gospel.*

Faith is not a work as the GIC so vehemently asserts. Faith is actually the polar opposite of works according to the Word of God.

### **Rm.3:24-28**

“Being justified as a gift/freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

“Where there is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law” [emphasis added].

There is nothing to boast of by receiving a gift freely given, purchased by another, and offered for the taking apart from works that earned it.

This passage explicitly declares that faith is not a work.

Sinful men who repent and believe the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ who died for them, is

not infringing upon the glory of God nor making salvation dependent upon man.

Faith rather glorifies the grace of God, the redemption and fact that the Lord Jesus alone has fully satisfied the righteous demands of His holy Father against sinful men who were helpless otherwise to amend their condition.

Faith adds nothing to an already accomplished redemption, but is only the God-approved means of receiving this free gift. Faith is not a work.

**Rm.4:2-5**

“For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ “Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor but as what is due. But to him who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness” [emphasis added].

Man has earned nothing, nor does man pollute the grace of God by believing and receiving an unearned salvation by faith. Actually, if man refuses to believe, he is dishonoring the God who commands him to do so! Faith is not a work.

**Rm.9:30-32**

“The Nations, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith, but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works” [emphasis added].

Biblically, faith and works are two mutually exclusive and contrary principles. One cancels the other. No merger of the two can be created. Faith is not a work.

**Jn.6:28,29**

“They said to Him, ‘What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?’ Jesus answered, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent’” [emphasis added].

Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ begins the work of God in a soul. Faith is not adding human works to the accomplished work of Christ. It is the necessary receptor that begins the work of God within. Faith is not a work.

**Lk.15:17-24**

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘I will get up and go to my Father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

“So he got up and came to his Father. But when he was still a great way off, his Father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

“And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the Father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of Mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”

Faith is not a work. Here was a convicted wayward son who was grieved over his condition, confessed his sin, demanded and earned nothing, but in humility returned expecting nothing but demotion and dishonor.

Truthfully, the only thing he had earned was ruin, wastefulness, shame, rejection, and punishment.

But he repented; and the Father, moved with compassion, lavished love, forgiveness, honor, acceptance, privilege, promotion, and affection overflowing with joy in the reception of this son.

His repentance was the occasion of the Father manifesting His glory; nothing was earned, his return did not detract from honoring his Father, and his faith was not a work.

### **L—Limited Atonement**

The GIC asserts: *JIC did not die and pay a ransom for the sins of all mankind. He died only for the sins of the “Elect.” He did not provide redemption for the “Non-Elect.”*

### **Isa.53:6**

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him” [emphasis added].

Christ Jesus the Lord has borne all the sins of every individual who has and ever will live. Without controversy, all people sin. Equally without controversy, the iniquity of all sinners fell upon the Lord Jesus.

L is a delusion of GIC in order to prop up their tottering JIC. The GIC imagines that *If JIC died for the sins of all mankind and came to save all, then JIC’s work was a failure because all people are not saved; therefore, JIC did not die for all.*

But this is merely a faulty attempt to justify the error of GIC’s T and U. The fact of the Lord Jesus dying for all individuals truly makes provision for all. Whether that is received and believed by them is another question.

The salvation secured for all, does not indicate failure if some refuse it. It does not diminish its value nor indicate that if some do not believe, that this “so great salvation” -Heb.2:3 was a waste, mistake, or that man has triumphed over the Lord Jesus’ purpose in dying for all.

On the contrary, a full provision even for enemies who refuse and rebel until the end, only magnifies the love and mercy of the true God of the Bible and the Lord Jesus Himself in making such a provision.

### **Jn.1:29**

When John saw Jesus coming, he said: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

Yes, the sin of the world. All the world sins as Isa.53:6 clearly states. The Lord Jesus Christ has taken away the world’s sin through the sacrifice of Himself.

The JIC does not do this. The GIC asserts that he died for the sins of the “Elect” only, and left the condemned “Non-Elect” to rot in their sins: both now and throughout all eternity.

### **Jn.3:14-18**

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.

“For God thus loved the world, that He gave His One and Only Unique Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the One and Only Unique Begotten Son of God” [emphasis added].

The bronze serpent of Moses was the provision of the merciful true God of the Bible to remedy the deadly consequences of serpents biting the people due to their rebellion and sin. Many died; others surviving pleaded that Moses would intercede for them with the Lord.

“The people said, ‘We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live.

“And it came about, that if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived” [emphasis added].

The poison of sin has coursed through the veins of every individual who dwells in this world. But the true God of the Bible has made a complete remedy available: the Lord Jesus Christ lifted up upon a cross to die for the sins of everyone afflicted by sin.

We simply must “look and live,” believe and receive: and we shall live, and that for eternity.

Eternal life is not unconditional; we must believe and receive. Otherwise, we perish in our sins and we have none to blame but ourselves for not availing of the full provision supplied by the true and living God, through his Son, the Lord Jesus.

The GOC and the JIC make no provision for everyone, but only for their “Elect,” who have been chosen by Eternal Decree without partiality, and apart from anything, other than this predestined arrangement.

GIC says to the remaining “Non-Elect,” *Too bad for you. I didn’t choose you, though I could have. Don’t think I don’t love you, though; I have said that I do in the Bible, but my Secret Will must prevail.*

*Just don’t question anything. I can do whatever I want. And I want to consign you to suffering throughout all eternity so I can be “glorified.” You’ve already been destined for eternal destruction by my Sovereign Eternal Decree: Can’t do anything about it now.*

The GOC is a monster.

#### **Lk.9:54-56**

“Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and consume them?’ But He turned and rebuked them, and said, ‘You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them” [emphasis added].

What the Lord Jesus Christ rebuked as being energized by another spirit other than His, the GOC does: he calls down fire from heaven from all eternity to consume men and consign them to hell and his SIC joins forces in this.

The true Jesus of the Bible did not come to ruin and destroy, but save and bless. The JIC did not come to do this. It is another spirit that purposes to destroy men’s lives with fire from heaven.

This is another god, another jesus, and another spirit. It is another “gospel:” but this one is not good news; it is terrifying.

#### **Acts 2:21**

“It shall be that everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved” [emphasis added].

If GIC is true, then even if everyone calls upon the Name of the Lord, they will not be saved, for JIC did not pay the price for everyone’s sins. The GOC and the JIC make the Lord’s Word into a lie.

#### **Acts 17:30**

“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands to men that all people everywhere should repent” [emphasis added].

The true and living God is calling all men everywhere that they should repent. The GOC makes no such call, unless it is disingenuous.

The GOC cannot make such a declaration, for he asserts that all men are unable, he did not choose



them, and JIC did not die for them. The GIC is a false gospel from a false god.

**Rm.10:13**

“Whoever will call on the Name of the Lord will be saved” [emphasis added].

That is, unless the JIC did not die for you: then you won't be saved.

**Jn.10:9**

“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture” [emphasis added].

The Lord Jesus Christ makes this valid invitation, because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; He died for all; His blood avails for all.

The JIC doesn't make this offer because he is not the way, truth, or life; he didn't die for everyone.

**Jn.12:32**

“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die” [emphasis added].

Only the death of the true Lord Jesus Christ can make such a statement. The fake JIC cannot.

**1 Tim.2:3,4**

“God our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” [emphasis added].

This is what the true and living God of the Bible desires, and not only desires, He made full provision for all to be saved and come to Him.

The GOC cannot genuinely desire this, for he knows that it is impossible due to his rejection of billions and refusal to have JIC die for their sins to make this possible through his L.

**1 Tim.4:10**

“We have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe” [emphasis added].

This is what the true and living God of the Bible does. If we trust and fix our hope upon Him, we can be confident of being saved, for He is the Savior of all men.

The GOC is not. JIC did not die for all men. How can you truly know if JIC died for you? You can't.

## Whom Did the Real Lord Jesus Christ Die For?

### 1 Tim.1:15

“It is a trustworthy Word, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” [emphasis added].

The world is full of sinners and Christ Jesus came to save them all: all who will believe and receive.

### Lk.19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” [emphasis added]. Lost refers to every person who has ever been born. The Lord Jesus Christ has come to seek after and save all humanity. JIC has not.

### 1 Jn.2:2

“He Himself is the propitiation [has satisfied the righteous demands of the holy God against sinful men] for our sins; and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world” [emphasis added].

Yes, this is the truth; Jesus Christ has made satisfaction for the sins of every individual who has ever lived; not just for the “Elect” who believe in Him. JIC has not.

### Jn.11:50-52

“‘It is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.’ Now he did not say this from himself/on his own authority, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” [emphasis added].

The Lord Jesus died for the entire nation of Israel and for nations scattered abroad who also had provision made for them to become children of God also through the death of Christ.

His death was not for an elite “Elect” only; Jesus died for the sins of the entire world. The JIC did not; the GOC purposefully condemned billions to eternal ruin: hopelessly without there ever being an option for them to be saved from their miserable condition.

### Eph.5:25

“Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her” [emphasis added].

The Lord Jesus died for His church, for those whom He knew would become His bride. And we rejoice in this. But that is not the only ones that He died for.

The GIC’s L says these are the only ones that JIC died for: His “Elect.” The “Non-Elect” are

hopelessly condemned by the GOC's Eternal Decree.

**2 Pet.2:1**

“There will be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and bring on swift destruction upon themselves” [emphasis added].

Here, the Master bought false teachers; He bought even men who wantonly denied Him. Provision for salvation is made by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for even those who are destructively set against Him.

This is love; this is grace; this is conditional salvation, not **U**, not **L**. And the swift destruction they brought upon themselves because they did not repent and avail themselves of the universally and graciously provided remedy: the death of the true Lord Jesus Christ for every soul of man.

The GIC denies and contradicts the Word of God as stated here. *These false teachers who deny the Master could not have been bought: they are “Non-Elect.” JIC did not purchase salvation for them:* So says the GOC.

He is clearly not the true and living God of the Bible. Neither is JIC the Lord Jesus Christ. Neither is **L** true. Calvinism is a false religion.

**Heb.10:26-31**

“How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled the Son of God under foot, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?” [emphasis added].

Here are people who despise the Lord Jesus and the shedding of His blood and the Spirit of grace. Yet the blood of the Lord Jesus sanctified even those who trample upon Him and regard as useless the very blood He shed for them.

This is not **L**. It is Full Atonement: even for those who never benefitted from it due to their willful continuance in sin: but it has been provided by the true and living God of the Bible for them nonetheless.

But it has absolutely been refused by the GOC's Eternal Decree of **L**. JIC only bought the “Elect.”

**Rm.5:18,19**

“So then as through one man's transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through One Man's righteous act there resulted justification of life to all men.”

“For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through One Man's obedience the many will be made righteous” [emphasis added].

One sin brought condemnation to all mankind without exception. The one righteous act of Christ brought justification of life to all mankind without exception.

The “many” who were made sinners in v.19 obviously means everyone without exception as was stated in v.18. As well, the “many” who will be made righteous means everyone without exception for the same reason.

This is an unlimited sacrifice that will avail to any person and become effective in its intended results, but only if they choose to believe.

“Those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ” -Rm.5:17 [emphasis added].

They are not predestined by an imaginary Eternal Decree to be forever unable to believe. Neither is the salvation of Christ a payment only for the so-called predestined “Elect” by JIC’s L.

#### **Tit.2:11**

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing/that offers salvation to all men” [emphasis added].

The grace of the true and living God brings the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ to all men.

L only brings that possibility to a limited few because the JIC did not die for all. This is far from love; it is cruelty.

#### **Heb.2:9**

“We do see Jesus, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone” [emphasis added].

The death of the Lord Jesus Christ was made for every person, so that salvation might be secured and freely offered to any who would repent, believe, and receive. Praise the Lord for this.

The JIC can never truthfully make such an offer, for he did not die for all.

#### **2 Cor.5:19-21**

“God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the Word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” [emphasis added].

Through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, God has reconciled the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them. The message to the world now is: Be reconciled to God who is not holding your sins against you because the death of Christ has removed judgment far from Him, if you will avail of the reconciliation purchased and obtained.

No such message can ever fall from the lips of the GOC and his JIC. They hold sins against the

“Non-Elect” and are “glorified” by their punishment. It is why the JIC never died for them in the first place.

L is a form of twisted sadism.

### I—Irresistible Grace

The GIC says: *Since man is totally unable to hear, understand, believe, and choose the GOC and his ways and salvation, sinful man must be given spiritual ability, life, and “regeneration” before he can ever actually believe and be justified by faith.*

*This “regeneration” is a work of Sovereign Grace whereby the SIC “regenerates” a soul apart from his choice or even knowledge, thus enabling him to now choose to believe and be saved.*

### Lk.13:3,5

Jesus said: “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” [emphasis added].

This is the problem: unwillingness to repent, not inability to do so. Men are condemned, not because of T, but because of self-will: a will that men are responsible and able to choose to turn from sin.

I has only been invented within the GIC, because there must be a remedy for the T “Elect” to be able to repent and believe. So, I was invented to resolve this uncomfortable quandary in the GIC’s deficiency.

It is a man-made teaching without the slightest biblical support or even inference. There is nowhere that the Scriptures teach or hint at the true Holy Spirit of the Bible “Sovereignly” forcing Himself upon a person.

There is nowhere that such an imagined violation of the sanctity of a person’s soul produced “regeneration:” a “regeneration” that does not actually save, but only enables to have faith.

The I of the GIC does not exist. The SIC of the GIC does not exist. Both are cruel fictitious folly.

The SIC of the GIC is not the Holy Spirit of the Bible. SIC is a seductive thief who forces and ravages a soul, bringing that soul into unwilling captivity to its desires hatched from all eternity. But it certainly is not the Holy Spirit of God.

### Ezek.18:30-32

The true and living God of the Bible says: “Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be a stumbling block to you.

“Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?”

“For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord God. “Therefore, repent and live!” [emphasis added].

The message of the Word of God is clear: Repentance precedes life and Spirit. Man not only can, but is responsible to repent, turn away from and cast away sin, and do what is needful to obtain a new spirit.

That’s what the Bible says; it’s not what the GIC says. Where do you discover the supposed **I** in these verses? Nowhere. **I** is a theological invention devised to “resolve” the problems resulting from the preceding lies of the GIC.

**I** resolves nothing; it merely adds another lie to the hopeless deception of the GIC.

#### **Jn.5:24**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My Word, and believes in Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

Faith in the Word and belief in God precede receiving life from God. Faith is the effective means of passing from death into life.

**I** is wholly absent from these Words of the Lord Jesus. It is absent because there is no such thing as **I**. It is a myth.

#### **Gal.3:2,14**

“This is the only thing I want to find out from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing with faith? In Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Nations, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.”

We receive the Holy Spirit of God upon our having believed the true gospel by faith. Faith precedes receiving the Holy Spirit of God.

The false message of GIC says it is impossible for anyone, “Elect” or “Non-Elect,” prior to the SIC invading a soul to liberate it from its total inability to believe according to **T**.

That’s not what Gal.3 says; it is what the GIC says.

#### **Jn.5:40**

“You are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life” [emphasis added].

Unwillingness is the problem of man, not inability. GIC says that the SIC must first give man life and then he will be willing to believe.

Jesus Christ of the Bible disagrees. He says you must first choose to come and then you will have life. Dear Reader, I hope the choice is clear to you.

### **Jn.20:31**

“These things I have written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His Name” [emphasis added].

Believe and you will obtain life in Christ Jesus the Lord. That is the message of the Word of God.

The **I** of the GIC says that first, unknowingly, a person must have the SIC invade his soul to “regenerate” him [which does not save him] and then he will be forced to believe. It is not a biblical teaching.

### **Eph.1:13**

“In Him, you also, after listening to the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise” [emphasis added].

Here the Scriptures inform us of what is true: man can hear and understand the gospel, he can believe, and the Holy Spirit then saves and seals that soul.

The GIC including its **I**, is a fantasy, a conjured fable.

### **Jer.26:3**

The true and living God of the Bible says: “Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their deeds” [emphasis added].

GIC and **I** are not true. Man is not totally incapacitated: He can listen and repent. All actions are not predestined, whether good or evil.

The true and living God Himself may repent if man turns from his evil ways. The SIC does not first “regenerate” so a person can repent.

If the GIC were true, then the words “perhaps” with respect to predestined man, or “I may repent” with respect to the GOC would have no place in their vocabulary: but it obviously does in the Word of the true and living God of the Bible.

**I** is not true. God does not engage in the behavior He condemns as wicked and worthy of death in His creatures: murder, rape, kidnapping, adultery, theft, and witchcraft. In all of those actions, there is a violation of the sanctity of the will of another.

In all of those wicked acts, the victims are either overpowered, violated, or seduced against the will of their rightful owner. That is evil according to God’s own Word.

How could He then “Sovereignly” force Himself upon an unwilling person? Does that not make God a tyrant rapist? The true and living God of the Bible is not. The GOC is.

That is not salvation; that is the horrific action of a monster.

Quite in contrast to this imagined “Sovereign” overtaking of a person’s soul, is the pledge of Wisdom's approach: Repent, and then the Spirit will be given.

**Prov.1:23**

“Turn to My reproof; Behold, I will pour out My Spirit on you.”

**Tit.3:5**

“He saved us, according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit” [emphasis added].

The regeneration of the Holy Spirit of God saves us. The so-called “regeneration” of the SIC does not. The Bible is true, not the GIC.

**P—Perseverance of the Saints**

The GIC asserts that: *This perseverance of the saints does not depend upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election.*

**Phil.1:6**

“I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perform/perfect/complete it until the day of Christ Jesus” [emphasis added].

The Word of God states that believers continuing to progress in saving faith and spiritual transformation depends upon God continuing His good work begun in a soul faithfully until the end: not upon U: Unconditional Election of predestinating “Elect” souls by Sovereign Eternal Decree.

There is no quarrel with the Scriptures per se on believing souls persevering unto the end, but it is not automatic or apart from the trust of the believers in the Lord Jesus and their denial of self along the way.

**Phil.2:12,13**

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure” [emphasis added].

**1 Pet.1:3-5**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

“to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” [emphasis added].



## 2 Pet.1:8-11

“If these [godly characteristics from verses 5-7] are yours and are increasing, you will be neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these is blind or shortsighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

“Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you” [emphasis added].

Perseverance of the saints of God is the assurance that true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will enter His kingdom, and those who practice the virtues noted will be abundantly supplied therein.

## Col.1:21-23

“He has now reconciled you in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach in His sight: if indeed you continue in the faith, firmly established and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard” [emphasis added].

# Chapter 4

## Sovereign Deception

### Sovereign

The true and the living God of the Bible is not the GOC. This GOC is a phantom that only exists in the vain imaginations of its followers. They invented him.

“Sovereign” is not a term used anywhere in the Scriptures to describe God in the King James Version. In 1 Tim.6:15 the Greek word *dunastes* [δυναστες] is translated as Potentate in the KJV and the ASV.

Some modern versions such as the NASB, NET, ESV, NRSV, and NKJV translate it as “Sovereign.” The NIV, NCV, GNB, and Darby’s New Translation have “Ruler.” NLT has “Almighty God.”

*Dunastes* [δυναστες] only occurs 3 times in the NT: once in Lk.1:52 where it is translated as “rulers, princes, or potentates,” and then in Acts 8:27 of the Ethiopian eunuch as a “court official/great authority.”

The word itself has none of the theological meaning or even inference given to it by Calvinists.

“Sovereign,” as applied to God, does not indicate an eternal, absolute, unchanging, and controlling rule over men apart from any response of His creation. This is a theological construct not supported by the Word of God.

The GIC’s tenet of U -Unconditional Election rests upon this false definition of Sovereignty. It is false, because an Eternal Decree to elect unto salvation and also to condemn unto everlasting destruction is not found in the Scriptures.

There is no Irresistible Sovereign Grace effecting a salvation that was determined by an Eternal Decree. That simply does not exist, because even the true and living God of the Bible Himself changes His mind.

To the GIC: *the Sovereignty of God means that He has Decreed, Controls, and Causes all things in heaven and earth: even determining the thoughts, decisions, and acts of men, including sin.*

But this is a theological construct imported into the Bible, but not derived from it.

God is not the author of sin.

#### **James 1:13-15**

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is full grown, it brings forth death.”

God is not the author of evil, either by His direct influence or His supposed Sovereign Eternal Decrees. Sin is a result of the uncoerced responsible choice of His creatures: among angels by Lucifer’s choice and the angels who chose to follow him, and among mankind by Adam’s choice and all men thereafter.

“Sovereignty” as defined by the GIC, does not even allow the GOC freedom of choice; the GOC is bound by his own Eternal Decrees.

But in numerous places in the Word of the true and living God, God repents. If people change their behavior and thoughts by their own repentance, God Himself repents of either the calamity or blessing He had pronounced, because the response of the objects of His message and intention have changed.

#### **Jer.18:8,10**

“If that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will repent concerning calamity I planned to bring on it. If it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I had promised to bless it.”

If people choose to follow the Lord God, then He will correspondingly repent of intended judgment

upon them. And vice versa: if people turn from righteously obeying, then the Lord repents of bringing His blessing upon them.

This is not Sovereignty as defined by the GIC.

#### **Jer.26:13,19**

“Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent about the evil which He has pronounced against you. Did he not fear the Lord and entreat the favor of the Lord and the Lord repented about the evil which He had pronounced against them? But we are committing a great evil against ourselves” [emphasis added].

Sovereignty as imagined by the GIC has no room to accommodate these verses. Either these verses are thrown out, or we must throw out the GIC.

#### **Joel 2:12-14**

“‘Yet even now,’ declares the Lord, ‘Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping, and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments.’”

“Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and repenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and repent and leave a blessing behind Him” [emphasis added].

The Sovereignty of the GIC pretends and imagines that it knows infallibly. But there is no possibility of men or God either one changing their minds and intentions within this false and forced construct of the GIC’s Sovereignty.

#### **Jonah 3:8,9; 4:2**

The king of Ninevah decreed: “Both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands.

“Who knows, God may turn and repent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish.” And Jonah prayed and said: “I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who repents concerning evil.”

What was Sovereignly Decreed: the destruction or the blessing of Ninevah? Which was determined before the foundation of the world? Who caused which: the free choice of repentance by humbled Ninevites, or the coerced and forced compliance by Eternal Decree?

If we are opting for the forced subjection of the Ninevites by Sovereign Omnipotence, then how do we account for the Lord sending Jonah to proclaim a pending destruction of judgment within 40 days?

Why the charade? Why the conflicting messages? Why preach impending doom when there was never any intended from Sovereign Eternal Decree?

The Sovereignty of the GIC is truly a Tangled Web of impossible conflicting representation.

**Zeph.2:2,3**

“Before the burning anger of the Lord comes upon you, before the day of the Lord’s anger comes upon you, seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His justice; seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps/it may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger” [emphasis added].

“Perhaps/it may be” cannot possibly be discovered within the vocabulary of the GOC’s Sovereignty: but it is within the true and living God of the Bible; He is not “Sovereign” by any definition of the GIC.

**Jer.26:2,3**

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah who have come to worship in the Lord’s house all the Words that I have commanded you to speak to them. Do not omit a Word!

“Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deed” [emphasis added].

Yes, the true and living God of the Bible is awaiting the response of godless men to His Word of repentance spoken to their hearts. Perhaps they will repent; if so, I will repent of the calamity I am planning.

Such description is impossible for the GOC’s Sovereignty. We are describing different gods: the true and living God of the Bible, and the false GOC.

**Jer.36:3**

“Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will turn from his evil way; then I will forgive their iniquity and their sin” [emphasis added].

If there is a Sovereign, Eternal, and Unchanging Decree for election unto salvation or unto damnation, why is the true and living God saying this? Why is the word, “perhaps” being used?

There’s nothing “iffy” about Calvinism’s U - Unconditional Election. Why then does the true God say He is willing to repent of the judgment that He supposedly had Sovereignly Decreed Unconditionally and unchangingly from all eternity?

The answer is that such an imaginary Decree was never Sovereignly Unconditionally made. That is a fiction: so is the GOC.

## Sovereign Will

Calvinists imagine the GOC having 2 wills [1] His Revealed Will [God loves all and desires all to be saved] and [2] His Secret Will [This is His Sovereign eternal unconditional decree that unchangingly determines who are elect and thus saved and who are reprobate and thus condemned].

Calvin himself says: *If God wishes none to perish, why is it that so many do perish? To this my answer is, that no mention is here made of the hidden purpose of God, according to which the reprobate are doomed to their own ruin, but only of his will as made known to us in the gospel. For God there stretches forth his hand without a difference to all, but lays hold only of those, to lead them to himself, whom he has chosen before the foundation of the world.* [John Calvin, *Institutes*, 419-420].

*"It is utterly inconsistent to transfer the preparation for destruction to anything but God's secret plan...God's secret plan is the cause of hardening."* [John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, Book 2, Chapter 23, Paragraph 1].

I hope you see the wicked problem this presents for all mankind. It presents a God who says one thing on the surface that is absolutely not true [His Revealed Will], since His Secret Will has already determined the outcome of each.

This is duplicity. It is fraud. It is lying. It is horrific and false to present the God of Truth as secretly inciting people to do the sins He publicly reveals are evil and contrary to His will, and then holding them guilty and punishing them for doing so. This GOC is a deceiving monster.

### Isa.66:4

"I will choose their punishments and will bring on them what they dread. Because when I called, no one answered; I spoke, but they did not listen. And they did evil in My sight and chose that in which I did not delight."

Judgment arises, not because the supposed "Non-Elect" were eternal damned by Decree, but because they chose what the Lord does not delight in: because they did not heed His call to repent but continued to sin.

What does the true God delight in? DOING lovingkindness upon EARTH: not talking about it and doing nothing for those languishing in sin's corruption and who are heading to destruction.

### Jer.9:24

"Let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises/does lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on the earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the Lord" [emphasis added].

The GOC pretends to be the true and living God by referencing numerous passages in the Word of God and attributing to himself affirmations such as: *I love you and earnestly desire for you to be saved.*

But then the GOC secretly whispers behind our backs: *But that ain't never gonna happen because I've already condemned you to everlasting fire by my Sovereign hidden Eternal Decree. And I'll never do anything to rescue you out of your totally depraved inability to receive My grace, even if I offered it: which I won't.*

*And now, I will condemn you to everlasting hell for disobeying My Revealed Will, all the while obeying My Secret Will which condemns you.*

This is a monster.

## **Chapter 5**

### **Round Table Discussion**

**Moderator [M]** Welcome to our ongoing Round Table Discussion where we'll be examining several passages of the Word of God together in an open-forum format.

First, let me introduce you to our participants. On my right are the Father [**F**], Son [**S**], and Holy Spirit [**HS**] of the Bible. We're honored to have You join us.

**F,S,HS** It's Our joy to reveal the truth to any who have ears to hear.

**M** Thank you unitedly for that. Next, on my left, let me introduce to you our contestants, the god of Calvinism [**GOC**], the jesus invented by Calvinism [**JIC**], and the spirit invented by Calvinism [**SIC**].

As typical, they will be relying heavily upon the gospel invented by Calvinism [**GIC**]: a sort of composite of perspectives within their "Elect" constituency over the past 500 years. Thank you for joining us.

**GOC** Let me just speak for us all; we're here to set the record straight and talk sense into the heretics that don't agree with our truth in the **GIC**.

**M** Well, we'd expect nothing less from you. Okay then, let's get started. Here's our first passage for what should prove to be a lively discussion.

#### **Ezek.33:10,11**

"Say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you have spoken,' saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we live?"

"'As I live,' declares the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will

you die, O house of Israel?”

**M** Over to you first, **F, S, HS**: What do you have to say about this passage?

**HS** Well, as I've done throughout the 66 books of the Word of God, I inspired these Words to be written, meaning, that I superintended the human authors to write what is absolutely true to insure that there were no errors in what they inscribed, even though utilizing their own vocabulary and expression.

**F** What is written here is not a deception; I truly take no pleasure at all in the death of the wicked, but have done everything necessary for them to turn from their evil and receive eternal life.

O how it grieves My heart to see them rotting away in their sins, and yet not choosing to listen and respond to My offer of salvation!

**S** And these are not empty Words from My Father. This is why He sent Me to pay the price for every individual's sins so that they can obtain eternal relief if they would only listen and obey Our untied call for them to repent and be saved.

**M** Thank you for that clear, sincere, and compelling reply. Now, to our contestants: do you have any comments or rebuttal to what the **F, S, HS** have said?

**GOC** Of course we do. You can talk all you want about loving all mankind and how it grieves your heart, but it doesn't change the fact that I have Eternally Decreed that the wicked are going to perish and suffer eternal torment. That's the reality.

**JIC** And to add to that, Don't think for a moment that even if they did repent, which of course they can't since they are Totally Unable to do so, that they will be saved and have eternal life. They can't: I didn't die for their sins; they're "Non-Elect." You don't think I'd waste my sacrifice on them, do you?

**SIC** That's right, and that's why I never would Sovereignly regenerate them by my Irresistible Grace? It wouldn't do any good anyway: the GOC didn't predestine them and the JIC didn't die for them. It would be a waste. Just let them rot in their iniquities: it's what they deserve anyway.

**M** So, you're saying that what the **F, S, HS** have said and done is not true; is that what you're saying?

**GOC** That's exactly what we're saying. And if you don't agree with the GIC, you're a heretic like all the rest.

**M** Well, let's move on to our next passage and see if there might be more light shed on this subject.

#### **Mt.23:37**

Jesus said: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted/wished/willed to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling" [emphasis added].

Lk.19:44 reads: "...because you did not recognize the time of your visitation" [emphasis added].

**M** This passage also emphasizes that You are not wishing or willing that any would turn away from You. What are Your comments?

**S** Yes, I wept over their willful ignorance and hardness of heart, time after time. My earnest desire was to gather them to Myself that they might be saved; it's what I came for. But they were unwilling, even after all that I had done.

**F** Yes, even though I drew them unto the Lord Jesus, as My Son rightfully said: "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him" -Jn.6:44, they would not come. Not that they could not come, but they willfully would not come.

**HS** Yes, how often I have been grieved by the refusal of men to receive and glorify the Lord Jesus. I was sent for this very purpose, that I would "convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment" -Jn.16:8 and to "guide into all truth and glorify the Lord Jesus" -Jn.16:13,14.

But despite the Father's drawing, My convicting, and illumination, and Jesus' loving desires and appeals, these were unwilling. O what a mystery is the heart of man!

**M** That certainly sounds like You have done everything possible to turn wicked and stubborn sinners from their evil and back to Yourself. Let's see what our contestants have to say about this passage.

**GOC** As for drawing all men to JIC, I only draw my predestined "Elect" to him.

**JIC** This passage, like many others, only expresses my Revealed Will. It's my Secret Will that must be done, not what I say I want.

**M** So, wait. Are you saying that you say one thing with your mouth all the while knowing that this is impossible because of a Secret Will that's found nowhere in the Bible?

**JIC** Yes, of course; the Secret Will determines everything.

**M** So why do you pretend that you desire to save mankind, and that you actually do love them when you don't?

**GOC** And who are you to question me? I do what I want and no one has the right to question that. I am Sovereign and my Eternal Decrees determine every thought, action, and breath that has every happened.

**M** Are you saying that even the sins that man commits are determined and even caused by you?

**GOC** My Sovereignty absolutely controls everything whether you can understand or accept that or not.

**M** So, you didn't ultimately desire to gather these in Jerusalem to yourself; you just said that so



people would think you actually cared for them when you don't, is that right?

**GOC** Yes, of course that's right. I've predestined those to everlasting suffering in hell by my Eternal Decree; why would I desire to gather them when that's already been determined and couldn't be otherwise?

**M** Well, your position is becoming ever clearer. Let's proceed to our next passage.

### **Jn.3:14-16**

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God thus loved the world that He gave His One and Only Unique Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**M** This is likely the most well-known passage in the Bible. Please tell us what You intended all people to learn from this.

**S** The passage about the serpent in the wilderness illustrates what I have come to do. All people are sinful and infected with its deadly poison. Only what I will do by being lifted up upon the cross to pay the price to save and restore will avail to remedy that problem.

The only thing required from any who are thus afflicted is to simply look to Me in faith, and he will be saved.

**F** This is why I sent My Son into the world. The condition of all mankind in sin is so desperate that nothing but My Son, Jesus, passing through the fires of judgment like that brass serpent did, could ever deliver from the deadly poison of sin.

This is how I loved the entire world, every individual who ever has or ever will live; I gave My Beloved Son to bear their sin, pay the price, suffer in their place, so that they would not perish, but have eternal life.

**HS** And I had this event of the bronze serpent recorded in the Word of God so that all men everywhere will realize that it is only needful to look by faith upon all that Jesus has done to be saved. The offer is open to one and all.

**M** Thank you for that wonderful good news. That is the gospel truly. What comments do our contestants have after such a clear explanation?

**GOC** That's typical nonsense from any who do not understand the **GIC**. It was only the "Elect" sinners that this was effective for: let the rest perish.

**SIC** That's right. I only Irresistibly granted Sovereign Grace to the "Elect" who were perishing in their poisoned doomed condition. After all, it's only those whom I regenerate apart from their choice or knowledge that would even be able to have faith in the first place.

**JIC** Absolutely. When it says "whosoever," it obviously doesn't mean every single individual, but

that's simply just another way to refer to the "Elect." The bronze serpent was only raised for them anyway. We just left the rest to miserably perish. But don't think that we don't love them: our Revealed Will says we do right here in this passage.

**M** That absolutely sounds like you're lying; This passage says that the true and living God loved the whole world by sending His Unique Son into the world, that whosoever would believe would not perish. Yet your GIC says you left multitudes to perish miserably in their sins with no remedy. How does that qualify as love?

**GOC** We don't have to defend ourselves to you. If you can't understand the GIC, you're obviously not "Elect."

**M** You haven't answered my question, but are just avoiding the issue. How does your GIC qualify as love by your explanation of this passage?

**SIC** We have the right to redefine any terms found in the Bible to bring them in line with the truth of the GIC. If you can't accept that, we have nothing more to say.

**M** Since you refuse to reason together from the Word of God and reconsider your very dogmatic and entrenched position, even though it is completely contradictory and makes no sense, I think we had better move on to this next passage.

#### **1 Tim.2:3-5; 4:10**

"God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and Man, the Man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all."

**M** We are very interested to hear your comments on this marvelous passage.

**F** Gladly. Yes, as Savior, it is My sincere desire for all individuals who have ever lived or ever will live to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

And I have not just desired this; I have sent My Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the ransom to redeem and purchase these ones unto Myself. And He has done a marvelous work to accomplish that.

**S** I have delighted to do the will of My Father in the human body that was prepared for Me. In that body on the cross, I gave up My life to redeem every individual who has ever been born on this planet earth. It is My joy to be that Mediator to fulfill My Father's desire to save every person.

**M** That is amazing love in action for sure. Any comments from our contestants?

**GOC** Yes, I'm the savior of all men: of all sorts of "Elect" people, but not of every individual. Many of the others, if not most of them, I've already predestined to everlasting destruction.

**M** I don't get it; so, how are you a god who desires all men to be saved when you've already condemned them to destruction?

**GOC** I've already told you; you can't understand because you're not among the "Elect." Quit trying to figure this out in your darkened mind. My Secret Will is what explains all this.

**M** Where is this supposed Secret Will revealed in the Bible, because I've not seen it.

**GOC** If it was revealed, then it wouldn't be secret, now would it? We're just telling you things you could never know apart from the GIC.

**M** So you just want us to believe whatever you say even though it can't be verified in the Bible? Is that what you're proposing?

**GOC** This is why you need the GIC; it explains so many things that aren't actually in the Bible.

**M** Well, you're right on that; We certainly haven't seen what you're saying in the Bible. I don't think we're getting anywhere with this discussion, so let's move on to the next passage.

#### **Mt.11:28**

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**M** These are Words that, I believe, You Yourself said, Lord Jesus, is that correct?

**S** Yes, that is very correct. My invitation is for all, any, and everyone to come: all who know that they are burdened by their sin and wish to be rid of that. Come to Me. My promise is that I will give you rest. None are excluded; rest awaits all from Me.

**M** That's such a wonderful prospect and such a gracious invitation to those laboring under the weight of sin and guilt. Thank you for that. Is that the same offer that our contestants are making?

**GOC** No, of course not. How many times do we need to tell you that this is not a universal offer but only for those whom I've chosen as my "Elect" by Eternal Decree. The invitation is only for those predestined to come.

**SIC** And only for those that I secretly "regenerate" so they could even think about coming.

**JIC** And the offer is only really made for those I actually died for: and that certainly isn't everyone, but only the "Elect" ones chosen by the GOC. Don't you get it yet?

**M** No, I don't; and I don't want to if I have to put on the GIC tinted glasses so as to see things that aren't in the Word of God. That's sounding more and more like a cult than what the Bible teaches. Let's move on.

#### **Jn.7:37-39**

"Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said,' "From His innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" "But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit

was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

**M** What a marvelous prospect and offer. Can you explain more of this to us?

**S** Gladly. The invitation and promise are to anyone: any individual who thirsts for life, and relief, and refreshment from the dryness of sin’s wilderness within every person. He simply needs to come to Me and drink.

I am the source of living water. Like the Rock in the wilderness that was struck by Moses’ rod of judgment so that the water flowed, so I also, when glorified by being struck with the rod of My Father’s wrath upon the cross, provide from My innermost Self, the living water of life.

Yes, this is the Holy Spirit of God that every single person who comes to drink receives after believing in Me.

**HS** That’s exactly correct. I come in the fullness of this water of life to any and all who will come to drink from the Lord Jesus. Believe and receive is the only requirement.

**F** Yes, My Son has tasted death for all people. He has been judged by My righteous judgment upon sin which has fully satisfied My every demand outstanding against the entire sinful human race. And I have raised Him from the dead and glorified Him because of it. He is the only source of the living water of life that I accept and recognize.

**M** That seems so clear and wonderful. Contestants, don’t you agree?

**GOC** No we don’t. JIC did not provide eternal life and living water for everyone, only my “Elect.”

**SIC** No one can come and believe unless I first by Irresistible Grace “regenerate” him to enable him to come. And I only do this for the predestined “Elect,” and for no others.

**JIC** And I certainly would never honestly invite all of humanity to drink from Me: I didn’t make provision for all of humanity. Why would I invite them to partake of something that isn’t even for them?

**M** Such fantastical explaining away the plain meaning of the language of the Word of God doesn't even merit a response. Let’s just look at our last passage and conclude this discussion.

**Rev.22:17**

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes/wills take the water of life without cost.”

**M** This obviously opens the invitation to any and all who will listen to the voice of the Spirit, spoken by the bride, the church, and any individual who has come. Am I understanding this clearly?

**HS** Yes, certainly you are. I speak to the hearts of men to draw them and convince them of their need to come to the Lord Jesus. As the bride, the church, speaks, I am speaking as well. As a single individual who has heard My voice and has come speaks, I also speak as well.

Any person when he hears My voice spoken through those who have come, and desires, wishes, and wills: he can come. And when he does, he will partake of the water of life without cost. This is the Good News of the gospel.

**M** Yes, this certainly is Good News. Do our contestants have any concluding comments?

**GOC** You've gotten it all wrong. What was just said is not Good News; it is not Calvinism. Calvinism is the only good news.

**SIC** No one can hear or desire or will to come unless I first "regenerate" him by my Irresistible Grace. Only then can he even catch a glimpse of what he must do to believe. And I certainly don't do this with every single individual. My work is only for the "Elect." So, no, this isn't good news.

**M** But it is Calvinism: and Calvinism is definitely not Good News.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Glossary**

#### **Eternal Decree**

Such a phrase is never used in the Scriptures to describe God's predestinating certain individuals either to salvation or damnation. It is never used to describe God's Sovereign Eternal Counsels. Those are inventions by Calvinism.

Decree is used 125 times in the Bible, but only in a few times about God. The remainder of the times it refers to man's decrees of various types. Many English translations translate "decree" as "statute."

#### **God's Decrees**

In relation to His directives in His Word and particularly in reference to the Law of Moses: Ex.12:24; 15:25,26; 18:16; 30:21; Lev.6:22; 26:46 are examples.

Decree about His Son: Ps.2:7.

Decree about the heavens and angels that they should praise Him: Ps.148:6.

Decree of destruction: Ps.119:118.

The Lord established the boundary of the sea by a "Perpetual Decree" -Jer.5:22 KJV, NKJV.

The Lord expressed a Decree about the day of the Lord's anger: Zeph.2:2

There is no reference about an unconditional, unchanging, and Eternal Decree to save the "Elect"

or condemn the reprobate. That is an invention of men imposed upon the Word of God.

### Calling

The Calling of God is not caused by I -Irresistible Grace. The Calling of God is not determined by U\_-Unconditional Election.

**The Call of God takes place through the preaching of the gospel** by His servants and the accompanying convincing of the Holy Spirit and the drawing by the Father upon the hearts of those hearing.

#### 2 Thess.2:14

“It was for this that He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” [emphasis added].

#### 2 Cor.5:20

“We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” [emphasis added].

#### Rm.10:13-15

“Whoever will call upon the Name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent?” [emphasis added].

#### Acts 2:37-41

“When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for reason of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord your God will call to Himself” [emphasis added].

#### Jn.15:26,27

“The Spirit of truth will testify about Me, and you will testify also.”

#### Jn.16:7,8

Jesus said: “I will send Him [the Holy Spirit] to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment” [emphasis added].

#### Isa.66:4

“I will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, no one answered; I spoke, but they did

not listen. But they did evil in My sight and chose that in which I did not delight” [emphasis added].

**Jer.7:13,25**

“I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer. I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them” [emphasis added].

The Calling of God takes place through His chosen messengers.

**The Purpose of God’s Calling:**

**Rm.8:30**

“These whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified” [emphasis added].

**1 Cor.1:9**

“God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” [emphasis added].

**Eph.1:18**

“That you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints” [emphasis added].

**Phil.3:14**

“The prize of the upward call/ high calling of God in Christ Jesus” [emphasis added].

**2 Thess.1:11**

“That our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and work of faith with power” [emphasis added].

**2 Tim.1:9**

“God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity” [emphasis added].

**Heb.3:1**

“Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus” [emphasis added].

## **Elect/Election/Chosen/Choosing**

Election has nothing to do with the GIC U -Unconditional Election: either to being predestined to eternal life and glory with no ability to choose otherwise, or of being predestined to being condemned to the fires of hell with no ability or option to choose otherwise. **See Appendix 2: Biblical Predestination**

That is a monstrous man-devised perversion found nowhere in the Word of God.

### **Election in the Bible**

Of Christ as the Chosen One: Lk.23:35; 1 Pet.2:4,6

Of Angels as Elect/Chosen: 1 Tim.5:21

Of Believers as being Elect/Chosen for a particular purpose: Mt.22:14; Mt.24:22,24,31; Mk.13:20,22,27;; Lk.18:7; Rm.8:33; Col.3:12; 2 Tim.2:10; Tit.1:1; 1 Pet.1:1; 1 Pet.2:9; 2 Jn.1,13; Rev.17:14.

**Election/Choice is by the foreknowledge of God**, both of what God foreknew individuals would choose, and by His purposes for them being given to Christ as a gift from the Father to the Son.

#### **1 Pet.1:1,2**

“Who are chosen/elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood” [emphasis added].

#### **Acts 9:15**

“The Lord said to him, ‘He is a chosen vessel of Mine, to bear My Name before the Nations and kings and the sons of Israel” [emphasis added].

#### **Jn.15:16**

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain” [emphasis added].

#### **1 Thess.1:3,4**

“Constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you” [emphasis added].

#### **Eph.1:4**

“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless



before Him” [emphasis added].

### **Col.3:12**

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” [emphasis added].

### **2 Pet.1:10**

“Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make sure about His calling and election/choice of you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble” [emphasis added].

The purpose of Election/Choosing is for God’s purpose to be accomplished in the lives of those who have believed upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Mystery**

There is no such thing as the Secret Will of God. The true and living God has revealed His mysteries to the apostles, prophets, and all saints.

These mysteries are plainly revealed to all in the written Word of God. They are not something that only an elite “Elect” can know. They are not “secrets” to be grasped outside of the written Word of God.

The mysteries of Christ and of God are plainly revealed and explained for all to see and know.

The Secret Will of God is found nowhere among the mysteries/secrets of God. That can only be encountered within the false GIC.

### **Eph.3:3-5**

“By revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. To which, when you read, you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

“Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit” [emphasis added].

### **What are the Mysteries of God?**

**Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven/God:** Mt.13:11; Mk.4:11; Lk.8:10.

**Mystery of Israel being cut off:** Rm.11:25.

**Mystery of the gospel:** Rm.16:25; 1 Cor.4:1; Eph.6:19; 1 Tim.3:9.

**God’s hidden Mystery in Christ:** 1 Cor.2:7; Eph.1:9; 3:9; 5:32; Col.1:26,27; 2:2; 4:3; 1 Tim.3:16;

Rev.10:7.

**Mystery of transformation:** 1 Cor.15:51.

**Mystery of the church:** Eph.3:3,4,6; Rev.1:20.

**Mystery of lawlessness:** 2 Thess.2:7; Rev.17:5,7.

There is no Secret Will of God among the mysteries of the Scriptures. You will have to go outside the Word of God to discover that. It is an invented theological construct, not part of the true and living God's revelation to man.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Quotes From Recognized Calvinists**

**Denominations Holding to Calvinism** include: Reformed, various Baptist groups, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and some in the United Church of Christ.

**Infant Baptism** is often associated with the time at which Irresistible Grace is imparted to an "Elect" individual and he is "regenerated." The effect of that may not become conscious in the person for years afterwards.

Here are some major denominations that hold to and practice infant baptism in one form or another: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Anglican, Reformed, Methodist, and some groups within the Church of Christ.

**Contemporary Proponents** of Calvinism include John McArthur, RC Sproul, JI Packer, John Piper, Gospel Coalition, Doug Wilson of New St. Andrews College, Ligonier Ministries, and Neo-Calvinists.

#### **General**

*Calvinism is evangelicalism in its purest and only stable expression* [Benjamin B. Warfield, *Calvin and Augustine*, ed. Samuel G. Craig (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1956), 497].

*The great advantage of the Reformed Faith is that in the framework of the Five Points of Calvinism it sets forth clearly what the Bible teaches concerning the way of salvation* [Lorraine Boettner, *The Reformed Faith* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1983), 24].

*Calvinism is the Gospel and to teach Calvinism is in fact to preach the Gospel* [Arthur C. Custance, *The Sovereignty of Grace* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1979), 302].

#### **Total Depravity**

*The whole man is overwhelmed, as it were, with a deluge of vices and the mind, because of its corruption, cannot think, will, or do anything but what is sinful [John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, II.2.19].*

*“The will is so utterly vitiated and corrupted in every part as to produce nothing but evil” (John Calvin, Institutes, bk. II, ch. II, para. 26).*

*Without the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit [Irresistible Grace], they are neither able nor willing to return to God [Cannons of Dort, (Dordrecht, Holland, 1619) III, IV:3].*

*Paul’s assessment of persons apart from Christ may justly be summed up in the theological categories of ‘total depravity’ and ‘total inability’ [Douglas Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996), 488].*

### ***Unconditional Election***

*We call predestination God’s eternal decree, by which He covenanted with himself what He willed to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestined to life or to death.*

*Many professing a desire to defend the Deity from an individual charge admit the doctrine of election, but deny that any one is reprobated. This they do ignorantly and childishly, since there could be no election without its opposite, reprobation. [John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapter 23, Paragraph 1].*

*...the eternal election, by which God has predestined some to salvation, and others to destruction. [John Calvin, *Institutes*, Book 3, Chapter 21].*

*I admit that in this miserable condition wherein men are now bound, all of Adam’s children have fallen by God’s will. [John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapter 23, Paragraph 4].*

*With Augustine I say: the Lord has created those whom he unquestionably foreknew would go to destruction. This has happened because he has willed. [John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapter 23, Paragraph 5].*

*Individuals are born, who are doomed from the womb to certain death, and are to glorify him by their destruction. [John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, Book 3, Chapter 23, Paragraph 6].*

*It is vain to debate about prescience [foreknowledge], while it is clear that all events take place by his [God’s] sovereign appointment [John Calvin, *Institutes*, III, xxiii,6].*

*The decree [of UE], I admit, is dreadful; and yet it is impossible to deny that God foreknew what the end of man was to be before he made him, and foreknew, because he had so ordained by his decree [John Calvin, *Institutes*, III: xxi,1. (emphasis added)].*

*By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life; and others foreordained to everlasting death. [The “Non-Elect”] God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of his will...to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin, to the praise of his glorious justice [Westminster Confession of Faith (London: n.p., 1643), III: iii, v, vii].*

*Every event is foreordained because God is omniscient. Of everything God says, ‘Thus it must be.’ Must not they who say that God does not foreordain evil acts now hang their heads in shame? [Gordon Clark, *Predestination* (Phillipsburg, PA: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1987), 63-64].*

*To deny God’s foreknowledge is to deny His omniscience. But we must go further: not only...did His omniscient eye see Adam eating of the forbidden fruit, but He decreed beforehand that he should do so [emphasis in the original]. [Arthur W. Pink, *The Sovereignty of God* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2nd prtg. 1986), 249].*

### ***Limited Atonement***

*This was the sovereign counsel, and most gracious will and purpose of God the Father, that...the most precious death of his Son should extend to all the elect...all those, and those only, who were from eternity chosen to salvation...he purchased by his death [Canons of Dort (Dordrecht, Holland, 1619), II:8].*

*The world for whom Christ died cannot mean the entire human family. It must refer to the universality of the elect [people from every tribe and nation]. [R.C. Sproul, *Chosen by God* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1986), 207].*

*If God has elected some and not others to eternal life, then plainly the primary purpose of Christ’s work was to redeem the elect [Boettner, *Reformed*, 151].*

*God has a ‘will of decree’ and a ‘will of desire’ [John MacArthur, *The MacArthur Study Bible* (Nashville, TN: Word Publishing, 1997), 1862].*

*Calvinists hold that in the intention and secret plan of God, Christ died for the elect only... If Christ’s death was intended to save all men, then we must say that God was either unable or unwilling to carry out His plans [Boettner, *Reformed*, 150, 155].*

### ***Irresistible Grace***

*A cardinal point of Reformed theology is the maxim, ‘Regeneration precedes faith.’ [Sproul, *Chosen*, 10].*

*Regeneration can take place in the smallest of infants...in the sphere of the covenant of God, He usually regenerates His elect children from infancy [Homer Hoeksema, *Reformed Dogmatics* (Grandville, MI: Reformed Free Publishing Association, 1966), 464].*

*New birth is the effect of irresistible grace...an act of sovereign creation [John Piper and Pastoral Staff, “TULIP: What We Believe about the Five Points of Calvinism: Position Paper of the Pastoral*

Staff” (Minneapolis, MN: Desiring God Ministries, 1997), 12].

*The doctrine of irresistible grace means that God is sovereign and can overcome all resistance when He wills [Piper and Staff, “TULIP,” 9].*

*[If a person could choose and believe on Christ] then the Christian would have ground for boasting and self-glorying over his cooperation with the Spirit [Pink, Sovereignty, 128].*

*Without the regenerating grace of the Holy Spirit, they are neither able nor willing to return to God [Cannons of Dort, III, IV:3].*

*The Reformed view of predestination teaches that before a person can choose Christ...he must be born again...one does not first believe, then become reborn [Sproul, Chosen, 32].*

### ***Perseverance of the Saints***

*This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them, the nature of the covenant of grace, all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof [Westminster Confession of Faith, ch.17: 2, 1647].*

*The Perseverance of the Saints means that all those who are truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives, and that only those who persevere until the end have been truly born again. [Grudem, Wayne Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine (Leicester, England & Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press & Zondervan, 1994) 970].*

## **Appendix 2 Biblical Predestination**

The Scriptures clearly distinguish between the ideas of Foreknowledge and Predestination.

Foreknowledge has special reference to persons known beforehand by the true and living God of the Bible. Predestination refers to the state, condition, and prospect prepared beforehand by God for those whom He knew beforehand would respond in belief and receive the Lord Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

This can clearly be seen by examining all references to Foreknowledge and Predestination in the NT.

Here are all the passages in the NT that use the words “Foreknow” [*proginosko προγινωσκω*] Acts 26:5; Rm.8:29; 11:2; 1 Pet.1:20; 2 Pet.3:17 and “Foreknowledge” [*prognosis προγνωσις*]: Acts 2:23; 1 Pet.1:2.

Here are all passages in the NT that use the word “Predestine” [*proorizo, προορίζω*]: Acts 4:28; 1 Cor.2:7; Rm.8:29,30; Eph.1:5,11.

#### Acts 4:27,28

“In this city there were gathered together against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Nations and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur” [emphasis added].

This passage re-echoes what Peter declared in Acts 2:23 about the Lord Jesus: “This Man, delivered over by the deliberate plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death” [emphasis added].

The death of the Lord Jesus was the deliberate plan of God based upon both what He knew wicked men would do, and what He purposed to accomplish by it.

The Lord Jesus said truly: “I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down from Myself. I have authority/power to lay it down, and I have authority/power to take it up again. This command I received from My Father” -Jn.10:16,17.

#### 1 Cor.2:7,9,10

“We speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory. As it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, nor which have entered into the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.’ For to us God has revealed them through the Spirit” [emphasis added].

From ages long ago, God prepared beforehand the wondrous reality of His salvation and truth that has now been revealed through the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit of God: things none could ever have known or experienced by any other means.

#### Rm.8:29,30

“For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son. And these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified” [emphasis added].

Here, Predestination is simply and clearly defined: **It is God’s eternal purpose that all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will be conformed to His image.** It is a Predestined Provision, Process, and Prospect for all whom God foreknew would believe.

Predestination is not U –Unconditional Election by Eternal Decree of individuals destined for salvation, or of “Non-Elect” being predestined for eternal misery in hell.

Predestination is not about unchangingly selecting certain individuals for salvation and abandoning the remainder to everlasting destruction. No.

**Biblical predestination is God determining and providing for the identical Portion, Privilege, Purpose, Provision, and Prospect of those who choose to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Whosoever that wills to believe in the Lord Jesus has the identical Portion, Privilege, Purpose, Provision, and Prospect awaiting them. That was predetermined for each and every one who will turn from sin and receive the good news of the gospel of Christ.

Biblical Predestination is the realm one enters into upon trusting the Lord Jesus; it is a realm that God foreknew, not an unchanging edict from eternity that determines the fate of every person: either good or bad.

**Eph.1:4,5,11**

“In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to good pleasure of His will. Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.”

Again, **Predestination is to our sure intended Portion, Privilege, Purpose, Provision, and Prospect from all eternity**; it does not refer to predestinating persons to salvation and condemning the “Non-Elect” to torment everlastingly.

In this passage Predestination is described as Adoption and Inheritance. Any who repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will partake of and inherit these things, without distinction. This is the true gospel.

However, the GOC disagrees. This false god rewrites Eph.1:4-11. In his perversion of the Word of God it reads:

***V4,5** In love he predestined the non-elect to rejection as sons through JIC, away from himself, according to the good pleasure of his Secret Will,*

***V6-8** to the praise of the glory of his judgment, which he freely poured out on us in his Eternal Decree in his beloved JIC. In JIC, we have no redemption through his blood, as it was never shed for us, according to the riches of his wrath which he lavished on us in all wisdom.*

***V11** Also, we have obtained no inheritance, having been predestined to everlasting destruction and torment according to his purpose, who works all things after the Eternal Counsel of his Secret Will.*

Thus is predestination according to GIC: but not according to the true and living God of the Bible.

## Appendix 3

### Romans 9 Reconsidered

Calvinistic determinism is the error that skews the message of Romans 9. As is true in any attempt at logical proof, if there is discovered one faulty premise, it can only result in a false conclusion which collapses the entire hypothesis.

Calvinism is erected upon the false premise of **T** -Total Depravity, which the GIC defines as Total Inability. If man is **T**, then this demands **U** -Unconditional Election; the GOC must Sovereignly determine and do everything.

And if the GOC has predestined only the Elect to eternal salvation, then **L** -Limited Atonement must follow, so as not to “waste” Christ’s death for the sins of the “Non-Elect” who were never chosen for salvation.

But even the “Elect” are under the GIC’s curse of **T**: they cannot believe in Christ because they are unable to do so. Therefore **I** -Irresistible Grace was invented to solve the problem that **T** created. Now the “Elect” alone can be “regenerated” by SIC, so that they can then believe and be saved.

The rest of the “Non-Elect” are left totally helpless without any provision for their sin, have been already rejected by the GOC from all eternity, and are completely unable to do anything about it.

The GIC of Calvinism’s determinism is left with the indefensible position of then saying that the “Non-Elect” will nevertheless be judged and condemned for not believing in the Lord Jesus and obeying the Word of God though it was impossible for them to do so.

**T** is a false premise. On this error alone, Calvinism collapses. But **U** is also false, as well as **L** and **I**. Faulty premises render the whole carefully entwined system as false.

[**P** has intentionally been omitted, because there is no consensus among Calvinists themselves about why **P** is so].

#### Let Us Now Examine Romans 9 Afresh

*Comments are intended to be read  
with open Bible, verse by verse*

#### Verses 1-5

The privileged portion of Israel as a nation unlike any other were many: “Israelites, to whom belong the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law [“they were entrusted with the Oracles of God” -Rm.3:2], the temple service and the promises, whose are the fathers.”

The climax of God choosing this nation was in the indescribable privilege of bring forth the Christ of God according to the flesh: “Who is over all: the eternally blessed God.”

The choice was of a nation for Divine purposes to culminate in the sending forth of His Son, the



Lord Jesus Christ. The choosing of Israel as a nation, did not translate to choosing all of those individuals for eternal salvation.

God chose the nation, but the majority did not choose Him in their hearts. The nation was selected to eventually bring forth Christ, God manifest in the flesh. But the vast majority of Israelites did not choose God and His ways.

The Lord chose them, but they “rebelled against the command of the Lord, you did not believe Him nor obey His voice. You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day I knew you. Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You have brought out by Your great power and Your outstretched arm” -Deut.9:23,24,29.

### Verse 6,7

Truly, “they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel.” They are not all spiritually Israel though they are all physically Israel. They were chosen for a national purpose. But that national purpose did not impart spiritual reality and salvation to each one because of it.

“They have acted corruptly against Him, they are not His children, because of their defect: a perverse and crooked generation.”

“Then He said, ‘I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faith’” -Deut.32:5,20 [emphasis added].

Israel was outwardly known as the children of God, but inwardly many, if not most, were children of the devil as Jesus Himself said to the Jews of His day in Jn.8:44.

National choosing does not impart spiritual life to the individuals therein. Being born into Christian parentage does not impart spiritual life to those children.

God chose Abraham for His purposes, yet Abraham still needed to believe God, so that it would be “accounted to him as righteousness” -Gal.3:6. God’s choice of Abraham did not automatically impart spiritual life to him. “Therefore, know that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham” -Gal.3:7 [emphasis added].

And how did it come about that God chose Abraham? It was for eternal purposes to eventually bring forth Christ Jesus.

Let’s trace this briefly to understand God’s ways in His choice of peoples, nations, and purposes.

God chose Seth, and not Cain. God’s choice is Noah, the righteous one, in that crooked generation. Shem was selected from among Noah’s three sons [Gen.9:26].

From Shem’s offspring, God chose Eber [Gen.10:21], followed by Peleg [Gen.10:25; 11:18]. Then Terah was selected [Gen.11:26] from whom God chose Abraham [Gen.12:1-3].

He was chosen to be blessed and thus to become a blessing to all the families of the earth. But God’s choice of him did not impart internal spiritual vitality; he had to believe the Word in order

to be accounted righteous [Gen.15:6].

God did not force or cause that choice of belief upon Abraham any more than God “caused” Abraham to lay with Hagar and impregnate her: Both were Abraham’s choices.

Of Abraham’s two sons, God choose Isacc, not Ishmael. Isaac would bring forth a child [Jacob] who would be the father of the Israelites through whom Christ would come.

He did not choose Ishmael, for he became the father of the Arabic nations who persecuted [Gen.21:9; Gal.4:29] the chosen of God, and eventually became fierce enemies, opposing all that is of God as we still see in the Islamic world today.

### Verses 8,9

Yes, the children of the flesh, outwardly and physically, are not the ones that God has chosen inwardly and spiritually: those are children of promise as was true of Abraham.

“For this reason it is by faith, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the seed, not only to those who are of the Law [the Israelites according to the flesh], but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all;

“He grew strong in faith, being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness” -Rm.4:16,21,22 [emphasis added].

### Verses 10-13

God chose Jacob to become the father of the nation of Israel, from whom Christ would come as the promised blessing to all nations according to His promise given to Abraham.

That is “God’s purpose according to His choice:” not a mechanistic determinism such as is found in the GOC. The true and living God of the Bible interacts with humans, appeals to their conscience, and draws them to Himself.

He has provided a solution to man’s terrible plight in sin by sending the promised Lord Jesus for each and every human. Remedy for guilt, corruption, ignorance, error, bondage, and hatred of God has been secured by Christ.

And, unlike the GOC, this is offered freely to one and all without violating the sanctity of human will that He Himself created. True, man’s nature and constitution has been marred and distorted by sin, but it has not been destroyed.

Man in sin can yet choose and must choose. And this in no way cancels God’s choice, because God did not choose to save apart from man’s choice, and He did not choose to condemn apart from man’s choice.

True, the twins, Jacob and Esau, were not yet born and had done nothing good or bad; but God’s choice was not random or arbitrary. He chose according to foreknowledge: “chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father” -1 Pet.1:1,2 [emphasis added].

Jacob was chosen, because through this nation of Israel, Christ would come and be “delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge [the only 2x in the NT where this word “foreknowledge” is used] of God: you nailed to a cross” -Acts 2:23 [emphasis added].

Yes, these children had not been born, but God knew both what He had determined beforehand for the blessing of the entire world, and He knew which nation would accomplish that.

Esau would not. Esau was a “godless man who sold his own birthright [including spiritual privilege and responsibility] for one morsel of food” -Heb.12:16. God foreknew this.

He also foreknew that Esau would become Edom. “Esau is Edom” -Gen.36:1,8,9,19. He knew that Edomites would become fierce enemies of Israel, the chosen nation of blessing to the world.

“Everyone will be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter. Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be cut off forever” -Ob.9,10.

“Edom will become an object of horror; everyone who passes by it will be horrified, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah. No one will live there, nor will a son of man reside in it” -Jer.49:17,18.

“Thus says the Lord God, ‘Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against all Edom, who gave My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey’ -Ezek.36:5.

God also knew that from Esau/Edom would spring forth Amalek [Gen.36:12].

Amalek: who assaulted the Israel of God when coming out of Egypt [Ex.17:8-16]. Amalek: of whom the Lord had it written of in His Book: “I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven!” -Ex.17:14.

Amalek: of whom the Lord swore: “The Lord will have war against Amalek from generation to generation” -Ex.17:16. Amalek: who was to be mercilessly wiped out, but whose king Agag was spared by King Saul, the man after the flesh [1 Sam.15:2,3,8,9].

Amalek: whose Agagite king, Haman, by means of sorcery, decreed utter annihilation of all Israelites [Esth.3:1,6,7].

Edom: from whom came the murderous Idumean [Edomite] King Herod, who sought to slaughter the Christ of God with the sword [Mt.2:16].

Is it any wonder then that in the last book of the OT, God declared: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated”? -Mal.1:1,2. These Edomites are “the people toward whom the Lord is indignant forever!” -Mal.1:4 [emphasis added].

This is national choice, not a forced choice upon individuals who have no say in whether they believe or not as in GIC. The GIC desperately tries to “glorify” the GOC by attributing everything to His Sovereign Decrees and Sovereign Grace.

But there is no glory resulting from a mechanistic monster who causes every single aspect of thought, action, desire, and choice within his creation. Such a creation is merely a clever machine performing according to manufactured design.

We may marvel at and fear such a powerful and clever being, but we will never love him; we cannot, for love is not part of such an invention.

There is no love, only the imposition of a single will determining the function and response of every cog in that terrifying machine. Personality disappears in such a construct, along with love, choice, beauty, and finally, responsibility for personal actions.

Function within a larger scheme is all that remains: a function created and determined by the monster mechanic, the GOC.

#### Verse 14

“There is no injustice with God, is there?” Certainly not with the true and living God of the Bible, but decidedly with the GOC: the most repugnant and reprehensible injustice is found in him.

#### Verse 15

To whom is God merciful and compassionate? As with Moses, He is merciful to those who respond in loving obedience to the Lord and His ways.

Moses said to the Lord, “Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your ways that I may know You.” The Lord said to Moses, “I will do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight.”

“Then Moses said to the Lord, ‘I pray You, show me Your glory!’ And He said, ‘I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you and proclaim the Name of the Lord before; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy’ -Ex.33:13,17-19 [emphasis added].

The Lord has compassion on those who long to know Him and glorify His Name. God has mercy on those who respond and repent genuinely; those are the ones that God will be merciful to.

#### Verse 16

Everything depends upon the true and living God who shows mercy upon those who genuinely choose Him, repent of their ways, and lovingly seek to know and honor Him. That’s what we learned in the previous verse.

It doesn’t depend upon desiring to inherit a blessing even with tears of sorrow if “he found no place for repentance” -Heb.12:17 as did Esau: He was rejected.

True repentance is a change of mindset, not a sorrowing over consequence. “Godly sorrow produces a repentance without regret leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces

death” -2 Cor.7:10.

The young rich ruler, though having “run” the way of God’s commandments, yet fell short of true repentance in order to follow Christ wholeheartedly, even though he “went away sorrowful” - Mt.19:22.

There were many who “ran”: prophesying, casting out demons, and performing miracles in Jesus’ Name, but were nonetheless lawless: “I never knew you; Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness” -Mt.7:21-23.

Israel both “willed and ran” to go up and conquer the land of Canaan after wretchedly rebelling against the Word of the Lord: “Here we are; we have indeed sinned, but we will go up to the place which the Lord has promised.”

“But Moses said, ‘Why then are you transgressing the mouth of the Lord? This will not succeed. Do not go up because the Lord is not among you; you will be struck down before your enemies. Because the Lord is not among you, you will be defeated by your enemies, and the Lord will not be with you’” -Num.14:40-43. And the enemies did in fact devastate them.

Balaam both “willed and ran,” but everything he pursued was not accomplished. “It does not depend upon the man who wills or runs, but on God who has mercy.”

“They hired against you Balaam, to curse you. Nevertheless, the Lord your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you” -Deut.23:4,5 [emphasis added].

Everything in the spiritual life depends upon God who has mercy. And God shows His mercy to those who truly repent and seek Him with a whole heart.

“He who offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who sets his way aright I shall show the salvation of God” -Ps.50:23.

### **Verses 17,18**

Pharaoh was chosen by God: chosen to show His power throughout the earth. It did just that with Rahab among condemned Canaanites who also hardened their hearts as did Pharaoh.

God simply gave him over to what he had repeatedly chosen. “Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go’” -Ex.5:2. From the outset, he hardened his own heart.

“Yet Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said” -Ex.7:13.

Pharaoh hardened his own heart by his choice. “When Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the Lord had said” -Ex.8:15. See also Ex.8:32; 9:21,34.

In response, God gave him over to his own hardened condition by hardening his heart in keeping

with what he had chosen: Pharaoh was reaping what he had sown.

“The Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart” -Ex.7:3; 9:12; 10:1,20,27; 11:10].

Both of these realities are expressed clearly in Prov.1:23-33: we harden our hearts, and God reciprocates by allowing us to reap what we have sown.

“Turn to my reproof; Behold I will pour out My Spirit upon you, I will make known My Words to you. Because I called and you refused. You neglected all My counsel and would have none of My rebuke:

“I will also laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your terror comes like a storm, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon Me, but I will not answer. They will seek Me diligently, but they will not find Me.

“Because they hated knowledge and DID NOT CHOOSE the fear of the Lord. They WOULD NOT ACCEPT My Counsel.

“So, THEY SHALL EAT OF THE FRUIT OF THEIR OWN WAY AND BE FILLED TO THE FULL WITH THEIR OWN COUNSEL” [emphasis added].

Pharaoh was raised up and chosen by God to be the instrument of displaying God’s power and Name throughout the earth. This was marvelously achieved in the heart of a harlot named Rahab. Listen to her own testimony:

“I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt.”

“As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted and no spirit arose in any man any longer because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath” -Josh.2:9-11 [emphasis added].

Rahab repented of her scandalous occupation; she now wove fine white linen from the flax gathered in bundles on her rooftop [Josh.2:6; Isa.19:9; Hos.2:9]. She truly had believed and demonstrated that by her now acts of purity [Heb.11:31; James 2:25].

God chose Rahab because she had repented. He chose her to become the wife of Salmon [Ruth 4:21] through whose offspring, Jesus, the Christ of God would be born [Mt.1:5].

As well, Ruth was chosen because of her love for the Lord God of Israel. “Ruth said, ‘Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God’ -Ruth 1:16.

Orpah was not chosen, because “she has gone back to her people and her gods” -Ruth.1:15.

“The Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge” -Ruth 2:12 rewarded her work, so that her wages were full from the Lord. And she too, married to Boaz, became a chosen vessel to bring forth the heritage of David the King, and of God’s own King, Jesus [Ruth 4:17;

Mt.1:5,6].

Thus God's purpose in raising up Pharaoh was realized in the Nations: initially in Canaan and in Moab, and thereafter in uncountable nations that have turned to the Lord because of His redemptive power and magnificent Name.

### **Verse 19**

The true and living God of the Bible offers free salvation purchased by Christ for every person who has ever been born. He speaks, draws, convinces, appeals, and illumines hearts that they might choose Him.

It is we who resist His will by our own choice, not we who are compelled by His will against our choice.

We began our book by stating:

### **Nothing in the True Spiritual Life Is By Force or is Automatic**

But everything is by force and is automatic in the GIC. If GOC is the true God, then how can man find fault since GOC has orchestrated, determined, and caused the decisions and outcomes of every individual? No, such a god as the GOC cannot be questioned because every cog he created in his monstrous machine is performing according to his Secret Will! Only the false GOC condemns when men have no alternative except to rebel and perish. That is a horrifically wicked injustice.

But the true and living God does not do that. Yes, people do resist His will; but they are judged for their own evil choices, not because they were "predestined" to continue in wickedness.

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who rejects/does not believe/obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" -Jn.3:36.

This is why the true and living God of the Bible finds fault; because you have not received His mercy in Christ: not because you are predestined to do evil with no other choice available.

### **Verse 20**

If the GOC is the true God, then absolutely it is impossible to answer back to him: you have no choice. His Eternal Decree has established the fate of every person on the planet.

In this verse, a man can truthfully say: *The GOC made me like this!*

### **Verses 20-23**

The potter can make from the same lump of clay, a vessel for common use, or a vessel for honorable use. He is working from the same starting point: a lump of clay with the same characteristics:

earthy, moldable, sinful, and purposeless in its natural condition.

The Potter is quite capable: He is God. Why then are there vessels fitted for destruction and others for glory? Jeremiah 18, from which this illustration is taken, answers this question.

### **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

#### **Verse 6**

“Can I not, O house of Israel, do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!”

Here, the Lord says that He is the Potter. He is perfectly able to fashion vessels for honorable glorious purposes. But something else is involved when the vessel is not conformed to this noble end.

#### **Verse 4**

“But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make” [emphasis added].

The fault does not lie in the hand of the Potter: He is God. Something was wrong with the clay. Hardened lumps within, unseen on the outside, may have been the cause.

Concealed pockets of air within would cause the rising vessel on the potter’s wheel to tear. Other foreign materials that were mixed into the lump during the squeezing preparation process could also account for the spoiling of the vessel.

The clay was the problem, not the Potter. But God is not only capable, but He is unwilling that the spoiled clay remain as it is: formless, useless, and not fulfilling the purpose of the Potter.

He can take the ruined clay and remake it; and He does.

#### **Verses 7-11**

God’s desire and intent in all His dealings with men is to fashion them into vessels of glory. He is capable and willing: if the clay yields, is not hardened, and doesn’t refuse.

Here, the condition of the clay determines what type of vessel is fashioned by the Potter. The clay here is either refusing and resistant, or repentant and yielding. This is the cause of the spoiling of the vessel or of it being fashioned into honorable use.

“If that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will REPENT concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it” -Jer.18:8 [emphasis added]. If the clay repents, God Himself will repent of “uprooting, pulling down, or destroying it” -Jer.18:7.

And the converse is also true. If a nation or kingdom “does evil in My sight by not obeying My



voice, then I will REPENT of the good with which I had promised to do it good” -Jer.18:10 [emphasis added].

If people harden their hearts and turn to evil practices, then God will turn from fashioning them into vessels being prepared for glory.

“So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Behold, I am fashioning disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and make your ways and your deeds good”’” -Jer.18:11 [emphasis added].

God can make from the same lump of clay, either a vessel for glory or for destruction: It depends upon the response of the clay!

### **Romans 9:20-23**

It is not the Potter who has made vessels into vessels of wrath. The Potter’s purpose in the fashioning process is to create vessels for glory, not for ruin and destruction. The issue in Jeremiah 18 and here in Romans 9 is the condition of the clay.

### **Verse 22**

“Vessels of wrath” are that way because of the clay itself, not because the Potter has eternally decreed that they should be so. No, it is the clay itself that is fashioning themselves for ruin.

They are “fitted for destruction” by their own design, desire, and deeds. How do we know this? Because Jeremiah 18 reveals that the condition of the clay itself was by their own design.

This verse 22 of Romans 9 says: “What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath fitted for destruction?” [emphasis added].

Yes, they are being fitted for destruction: but not by the hand of the Potter. They are fitting themselves for this ruin. And how do we know that? We know, because the verb “fitted/prepared” [katartizw καταρτιζω] is in the Middle Voice in Greek.

The significance of the Middle Voice is explained quite clearly in the following quotes:

“The middle voice is that use of the verb which describes the subject as *participating in the results of the action* [emphasis in the original]: the subject acting with a view to participating in the outcome” [H.E. Dana and Julius R. Mantey, *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament* (New York, Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc. 1927, 1955) p.157, paragraph 155].

“Katartizo...is rendered “fitted” in Rom.9:22, of vessels of wrath; here the Middle Voice signifies that those referred to fitted themselves for destruction as illustrated in the case of Pharaoh...” [W.E. Vine, *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words* (Nashville, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1996) p.436].

The vessels of wrath fitted themselves for destruction, as previously in Romans it had been made clear:

“Do you despise the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

“But because of your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath FOR YOURSELF in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” -Rm.2:4,5 [emphasis added].

All the while they are fashioning themselves into vessels of wrath, the great Potter of the clay would willingly fashion them into vessels of mercy. Verse 22 states that with great patience He endured those who were fitting themselves for ruin.

And why with great patience? Because there remains hope that they may yet turn from their evil, repent, and submit to Him who then will prepare them for glory.

“The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but that all should come to repentance” -2 Pet.3:9 [emphasis added].

#### **Verse 23**

Vessels of mercy have the “riches of glory” made known to them. And who are these vessels of mercy? The ones who repent, who desire to know and follow Him, the ones who choose to honor Him.

He is the One who fashions into vessels of mercy, because He has compassion on those who repent and turn their hearts unto Himself. Glory has been “prepared beforehand” for any who will.

“Good works” have been “prepared beforehand” -Eph.2:10 for any who choose to repent and obey [“prepared beforehand” is used but these 2x in the NT]. This preparing beforehand refers to the portion, provision, and purpose of God’s thus fashioning His vessels of mercy.

#### **Verse 24**

He has called “us” for this: “Us” being all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternally blessed God of verse 5. And this “us” does not refer to Israel only, but also from the Nations.

#### **Verse 25,26**

Yet, even among the chosen nation of Israel, though chosen to bring forth Christ for all Nations, they were not all faithful; not all were saved. Even the majority were not spiritually Israel indeed; only a remnant were saved.

#### **Verse 27-29**

And why was this so? Because there were flaws in the clay: the very clay that God was intending to fashion into vessels of glory.

And what was that flaw? Israel was pursuing the righteousness of His salvation as though it were by works, and not by faith.

**Verse 30-32**

That was the flaw in the clay, even though they “willed and ran” [v.16]; they also hardened their hearts as did Pharaoh [v.17]. They stumbled over the Stumbling Stone: Christ Jesus the Lord, the very One they had been chosen to bring forth unto worldwide blessing for all Nations.

**Verse 33**

But, “He who believes in Him, will not be put to shame/disappointed.” Bless the Lord evermore for that. Amen.