

Calvin's TULIP

U - Unconditional Election

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- TULIP is the five-point foundational summary of modern reformed theology.
- TULIP is a set of assumptions that are required for reformed theology to hold together.
- TULIP has been so widely taught in some circles that one would think that those who do not hold to its points are unorthodox.
- TULIP proponents have successfully propagated the idea that the opposite of Calvinism is Arminian Theology.

Calvin's TULIP

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Preservation of the Saints

Unconditional Election from the Westminister Confession (Reformed)

- All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them an heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

Unconditional Election from the Westminister Confession (Reformed)

- This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

Unconditional Election from the Westminister Confession

- Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how he pleaseth. So also are all other elect persons who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.

Unconditional Election from the Westminster Confession

- Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet they never truly come to Christ, and therefore can not be saved...

R.C. Sproul on Effectual Calling

- <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/effectual-calling/>

Questions for investigation

- Did God select some for salvation and leave others for damnation?
- If He did so, does the Bible clearly teach this?
 - Everything we know about God comes from the Bible.
- If He did so, does the Bible clearly teach that the non-elect have no possibility of salvation and cannot respond to the Gospel?
 - Or, if they respond, is the response ineffectual and invalid?

A Biblical investigation

- The Words:
 - Eklektos
 - Eklegomai
 - Ekloga
- The questions:
 - Can you determine by "election" passages if God elects some to be saved and others to be damned?
 - Is there a preponderance of "election" passages that are about the nation of Israel?

A Biblical investigation

- The conclusion:
 - Election means many things and has many settings.
 - Most of the references to election concern Israel and her role as God's "Chosen People"
 - A doctrine that God chooses some for salvation and prohibits others from salvation has very little Biblical merit.
 - A doctrine that makes God's invitation to salvation to be unreceivable is disingenuous and unacceptable.
 - The Bible is filled with references to Israel's unconditional election with conditional fulfillment.

Questions?

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