

Calvinism and Arminianism Compared

Using the Acrostic

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<i>The Five Points:</i>	Calvinism	Arminianism
<u>T</u>otal Depravity	Man is total depraved resulting in total inability to respond to God. Man's will is in bondage to sin.	Man is depraved, but able to respond to God. Man still has a free will to believe the gospel.
<u>U</u>nconditional Election	God in His infinite grace chooses man for salvation based upon His sovereign will.	God in His infinite love chooses man for salvation based upon His foreknowledge of man's faith.
<u>L</u>imited Atonement	Christ died only for the elect.	Christ died for both the elect and the non-elect.
<u>I</u>rresistible Grace	God's grace will move upon His elect in such a way that regeneration will be effected apart from man's will.	God's grace moves upon all men, but man can resist this grace and willfully reject salvation.
<u>P</u>erseverance of the Saints	God works in a regenerated man's heart resulting in the perseverance of faith until death.	Man can lose his salvation by unbelief or continual, willful, and unrepentant sin.