TOTAL DEPRAVITY

'Total' does not mean we are 100% sinful, but every department of man's being is sinful. "Having the understanding darkened...." (Eph 4.18). "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer 17.9). "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5.40). "Having their conscience seared with a hot iron". (1 Tim 4.2). We are "dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph 2.1).

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UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

Since there is "none that seeketh after God" (Rom 3.11), God has taken the initiative to save the "elect" (Rom 8.33). "He hath chosen us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world…having predestinated us…according to the good pleasure of his will" (Eph 1.4-5). "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation" (2 Thess 2.13). "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15.16).

LIMITED ATONEMENT (PARTICULAR REDEMPTION)

Christ's atonement is limited, not by man's unbelief, but because God only planned to save His elect. "He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt 1.21). Christ died for each one personally – He "bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Pet 2.24). Christ shall "justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities" (Isaiah 53.11). 'He underwent the punishment due to us' (1689 BCF 8:4).

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IRRESISTIBLE GRACE (THE EFFECTUAL CALL)

"Whom he did predestinate, them he also called" (Rom 8.30). "No man can come to me, except the Father...draw him" (John 6.44). The stranglehold of total depravity on mind, heart and will is broken. We are turned "from darkness to light" (Acts 26.18), given a "new heart" (Ezek 36.26), and made "willing" (Psa 110.3). God, "when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us" (Eph 2.5).

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PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS (ETERNAL SECURITY)

The truly converted person cannot lose his/her salvation. God's plans never fail: "Whom he did predestinate, them he also called... justified and...glorified" (Rom 8.30). "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom 8.35). "I give unto them eternal life...neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all" (John 10.28-9).