

A Case Against Calvinism – Lesson 1

Introduction to A Case Against Calvinism

**Matthew 10:32-33; 16:35, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24; 12:8; 17:33,
John 3:16; 11:26; 12:46, Acts 2:21; 10:43; 13:26, Romans 10:11; 10:13, 1 John 4:15; 5:1,
Revelation 22:17**

Theme: Welcome to the class on A Case Against Calvinism.

Introduction: As you can tell from the title, I am stating plainly my view concerning the subject. In my lifetime I have witnessed certain fads come and go in the church. There was a day when preachers went through a fad of wearing white suits because certain popular preachers wore them. There was a fad when many preachers carried small hand held Bibles when they preached. I have also witnessed certain battles within the church. When I started preaching the battle was over the inspiration of Scripture. Then it was over the relevancy of Scripture. Now there is a doctrinal issue that has plagued the church for centuries. It is the number one issue that young pastors and preachers call me with there questions. Many of them are concerned about what they are hearing, and some of that concern comes from the number of pastors and churches, who seemingly have made a drastic change in their belief system. The issue is Calvinism and is commonly known as Reformed Theology. In this study we will take a close look at the theology and try to answer the questions that we are facing.

I. Why study Calvinism?

- A. We need to study Calvinism because the _____ of this doctrine throughout the _____.
- B. We need to study Calvinism because there is _____ on the subject.
- C. We need to study Calvinism because there are _____ which must be _____.
- D. We need to study Calvinism because if Jesus tarries you will be _____ with it in _____ ministry.

II. What is the purpose of this study?

- A. The purpose of this study is to prepare the student to deal with the _____ that are _____.
- B. The purpose of this study is to help the student make _____.

- C. The purpose of this study is NOT to stir _____ in your church or _____ with other pastors.
- D. The purpose of this study is Not to be _____ or _____ of other pastors or preachers.

III. What approach will we take in this study?

- A. Our approach will be _____.
- B. Our approach will be _____.
- C. Our approach will be _____.
- D. Our approach will be _____.

IV. What are the prominent issues of this study?

- A. There is the issue of _____.
- B. There is the issue of _____.
- C. There is the issue of _____.
- 1.
- 2.
- D. There is the issue of God's _____.
- E. There is the issue of God's plan and procedure of _____.

V. What is the resulting goal of this study?

- A. To give the student a clear understanding of the _____.
- B. To give the student a clear understanding of the _____.
- C. To give the student a clear understanding of certain _____.