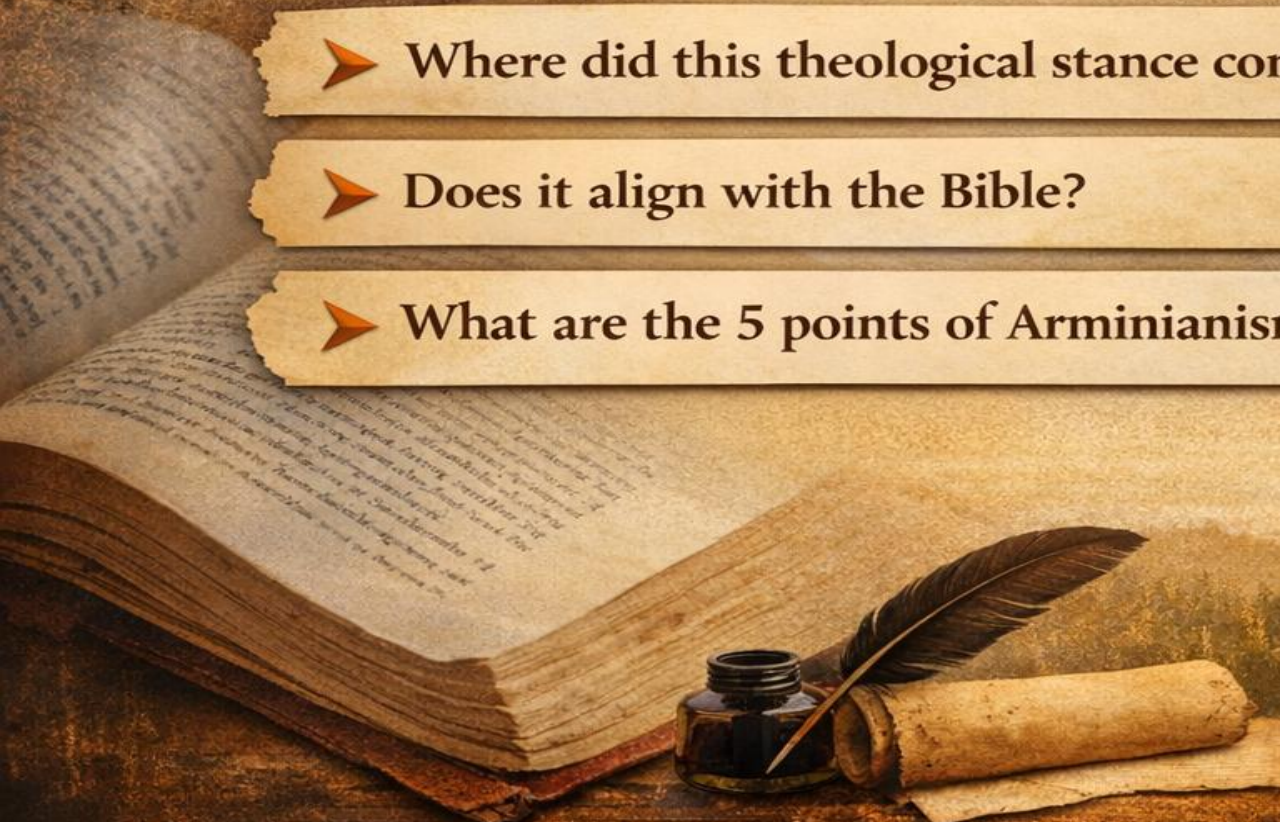


Week 2

Understanding Arminianism

- What is Arminianism?
- Where did this theological stance come from?
- Does it align with the Bible?
- What are the 5 points of Arminianism?



Transitioning from Calvinism to Arminianism

Reviewing the Calvinist Position

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement (Particular Redemption)
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints

Summary: God's sovereignty is central, His choice is decisive, His grace is effectual, and His people are secure because He preserves them.

Now we will step into the Arminian perspective..

Conditional Election

God chooses individuals for salvation based on His foreknowledge of who will believe in Jesus Christ. Election is not arbitrary, but connected to a person's response to God's grace. He does not force salvation—He chooses those who respond in faith.

➤ Key Scriptures:

- **Romans 8:29** “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined...”
- **1 Peter 1:1–2** “...chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...”

➤ God's Desire Revealed:

- **1 Timothy 2:3–4** “God “desires all people to be saved...”
- **2 Peter 3:9** “...not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.”

➤ Human Response Required:

- **John 3:16** “whoever believes...”

God initiates the process,
but man must respond.

- **Acts 16:14** “The Lord opened her heart to
- **Acts 7:51** “You... are always resisting the Holy Spirit...”

Key Idea

- God knows
- God calls
- God enables
- But man must respond



Unlimited Atonement

Jesus Christ died for every person, not just the elect, making salvation possible for all, though effective only for those who believe.

The salvation of God has been extended to all mankind
Let's take a look at what Scripture tells us:

➤ **Titus 2:11** (NASB 2020)

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people.”

➤ **John 3:16** (NASB 2020)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.”

Not all accept it, but all are offered it.

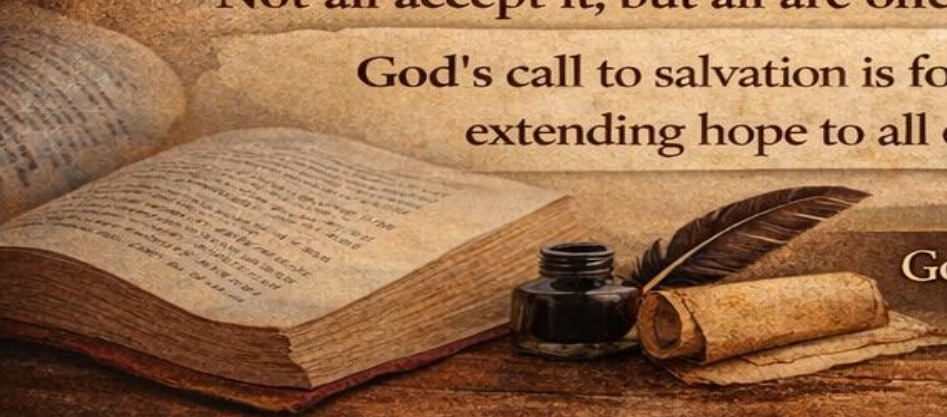
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Reconciled Through Christ

- ✓ Total Depravity of mankind through Adam's sin
- ✓ Sin defeated through the Lord Jesus Christ
- ✓ Salvation offered to all of fallen mankind

God's offer of salvation
is made available to all.



Total Depravity

(Necessity of Grace and Prevenient Grace)

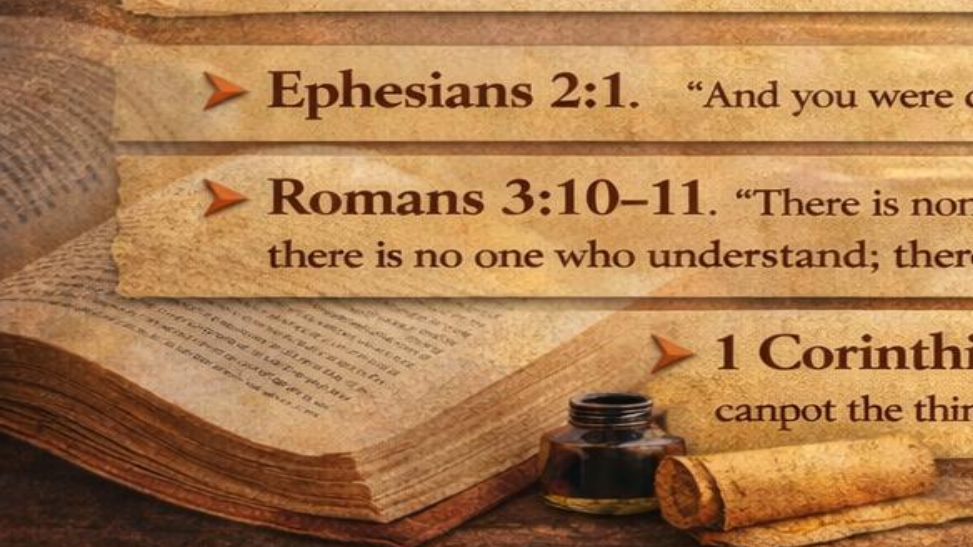
Humans are profoundly sinful due to the Fall but enabled to respond to God by prevenient grace, restoring the capacity to choose or reject Him.

Prevenient Grace

Empowers us, by God's initiative, to choose God.

- Restores the freedom to respond;
 - Enables repentance and walking free from sin;
 - Disperses the darkness and brings understanding
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- **Ephesians 2:1.** "And you were dead in your offenses and sins."
 - **Romans 3:10–11.** "There is none righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks for God."
 - **1 Corinthians 2:14.** "A natural person does not canpot the things of the Spirit of God...; and he cannot understand them.."

The light of grace frees our fallen will, enabling a true response to God.



Resistible Grace

In Arminian theology, grace invites, convicts, and enables, but it does not force. It shows up in three ways:

➤ Conviction

John 16:8 | “And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment.”

➤ Illumination

John 1:9 | “...the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every person.”

➤ Drawing

John 6:44 | “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.”

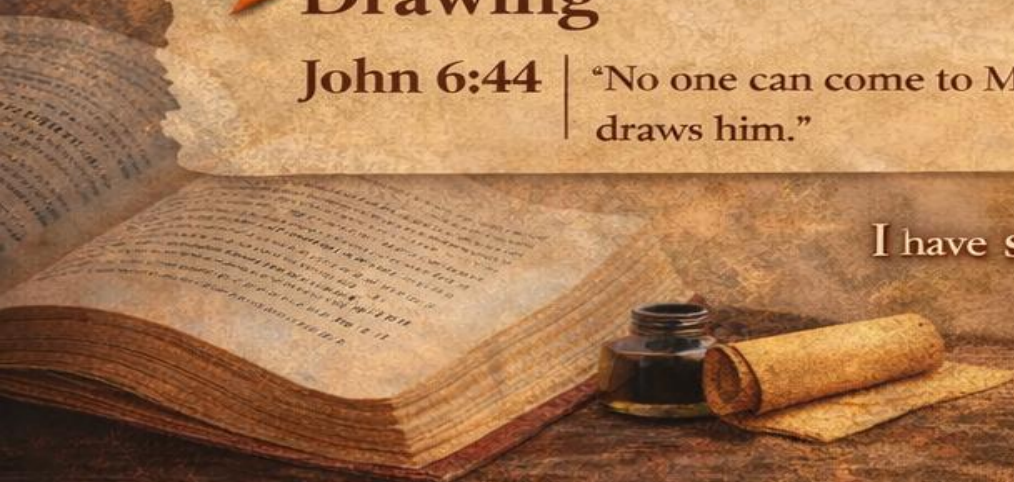
Resistable Evidence

Acts 7:31 “You men who are stiff-necked... are always resisting the Holy Spirit...”

Matthew 23:37 ...how often I have wanted to gather your together... and you were unwilling

I have spread out My hands all day long
to a rebellious people ...

God initiates, but humans have the choice to accept or reject His grace.



Falling from Grace

(Conditional Salvation)

Believers can turn away from God and, consequently, lose their salvation

- **1 Thessalonians 5:3** "...then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape."
- **Hebrews 6:4–6** "...those who have once been enlightened who have tasted of the heavenly gift... and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance "
- **Hebrews 10:26--27** "...if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there so longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment..."

Salvation Must Be Guarded

- ✓ Believers need to align and abide
- ✓ Continuing in sin after coming to the truth leads to spiritual peril

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conditional salvation requires believers to align with God and not persist in sin.



Arminianism Summary

Arminianism emphasizes human free will and responsibility in responding to God's grace in salvation.

The 5 Points of Arminianism

- **Conditional Election:** God saves based on His foreknowledge of who will freely believe.
- **Unlimited Atonement:** Jesus died for all people, offering salvation to anyone who believes.
- **Total Depravity:** Though deeply sinful, prevenient grace restores free will to choose God.
- **Resistible Grace:** God's grace invites and draws, but can be resisted by human free will.
- **Falling from Grace:** Believers can turn from God and lose their salvation by persistent unbelief.

In Arminianism: God initiates, offers grace to all, but humans must respond in faith and can choose to accept or reject God's salvation.

Conditional salvation requires believers to align with God and

