



# THE REJECTION OF ARMINIAN ERRORS

## ARTICLE IS - NOT PROTEST BUT ADORATION

To those who complain about this grace of undeserved election and the severity of righteous reprobation, we reply with this word of the apostle: *Not that I man, who are thou that resistest against God?* (Ro. 9:20). And with this the word of our Savior, *Let not your hearts be troubled. For I will with mine own* (Mat. 20:15).

We, however, with reverent adoration of these mysteries, exclaim with the apostle: *O the depth of His riches both in His wisdom and knowledge, of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known His mind, or who hath seen His counsel? ... For of Him, and through Him, and by Him, are all things. To Him be the glory for ever.* (Ro. 11:33-36)

### ADDRESSING THE ARMINIAN ERRORS

Having explained the true doctrine of election and reprobation, and thoroughly supporting each article with Scripture, we address the following errors:



"O THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES BOTH OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! HOW UNSEARCHABLE ARE HIS JUDGMENTS, AND HIS WAYS PAST FINDING OUT!" -Ro. 11:33-36

STATEMENT OF ERROR	ERROR SIMPLIFIED	REFUTATION	TEXT
1. The will of God to save those who <i>would</i> believe and persevere in faith and obedience is the <i>whole and entire decree of election</i> to salvation.	God looked down the "corridors of time" and saw those who would choose Him and believe.	This deceptive error clearly contradicts Scripture that God will save those specific persons from eternity who believe. Within time, He grants to these elect both faith in Christ and perseverance.	John 17:6 Acts 13:48 Eph. 1:4
2. There are various kinds of divine election to eternal life: 1) General / indefinite 2) Particular / definite - incomplete, revocable, non-decisive, conditional OR...complete, irrevocable, decisive, absolute.	There is one election to faith and another election to salvation. Those who hold to this error switch back and forth, salvation is of God and yet man's choice.	All this is an invention of the human mind without any basis in Scripture. The doctrine of election is therefore corrupted and the golden chain of our salvation broken.	Ro. 8:30
3. Election is not that God chose certain specific persons and not others, but that He <i>chose the act of faith</i> as well as the <i>imperfect obedience of faith</i> to be a condition of salvation.	In His grace, God wished to count such faith as <i>complete obedience and worthy of the reward</i> of eternal life.	This offensive error deprives God's good pleasure and Christ's merits of all efficacy, and draws people away from the truth of gracious justification and from the simplicity of Scripture.	II Tim. 1:9
4. Election to faith depends on the condition that man should use the light of nature properly, and that he should be humble, pious, meek and fit for eternal life.	Conditional election.	If this were true, election would depend on man.  This is similar to the teachings of Pelagius (418 AD) who taught the doctrine of free will and the innate goodness of nature and man.	Eph. 2:3-9

IRONICALLY THESE ERRORS, ADDRESSED BY THE CHURCH ALMOST 400 YEARS AGO, ARE IDENTICAL TO THE ERRORS THE CHURCH REFUSES TO ADDRESS TODAY. INSTEAD, THEY ARE IGNORED OR ADOPTED.

#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."  
-II Timothy 1:9



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