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Proven Seven Different Ways

The Seven Proofs were first taught in a 90-minute audio Bible study with detailed notes in 1987.

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How Are You Saved?


This should be a key
question for every
sincere soul.

Most Christians think they were saved when they were baptized or made a decision for Jesus.

These two heresies are:

Baptismal Regeneration
Decisional Regeneration

We can also call them:

Baptismal Salvation
Decisional Salvation

98% holding these ideas do not know the difference between regeneration and salvation.

We reject baptismal salvation:

Catholics
Lutherans
Campbellites
Mormons
Pentecostals
Etc.

We must deal mostly with decisional salvation folks saying,

A person is saved, or born again, and obtains eternal life, when they make a decision for Jesus.

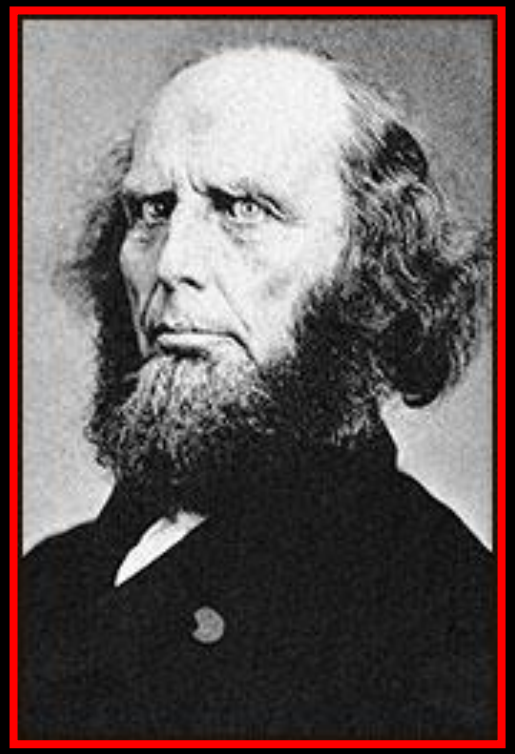
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Are you saved?
When were you saved?

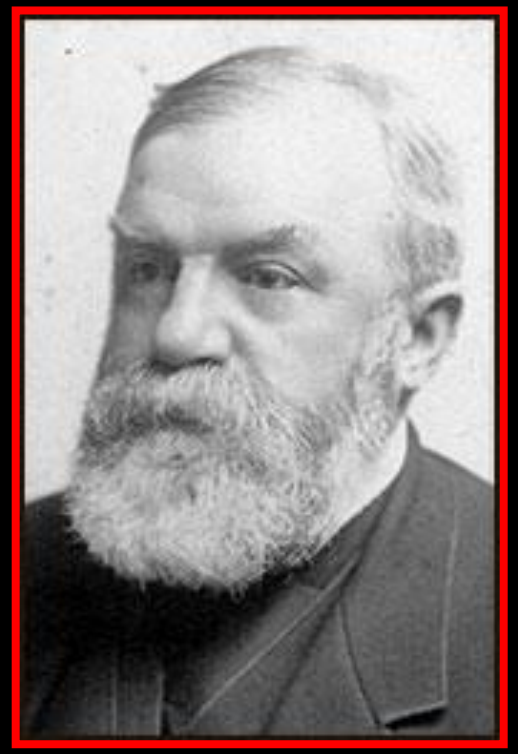
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one event at one time:

A decision for Jesus
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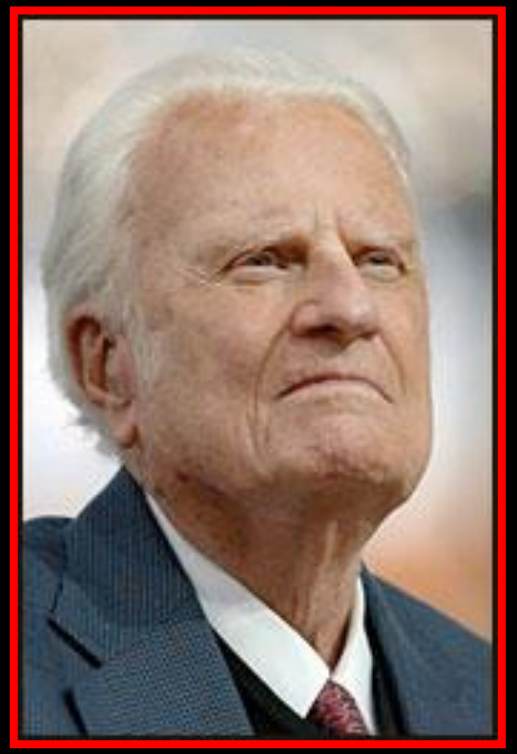
These Men Invented and Popularized Decisional Salvation



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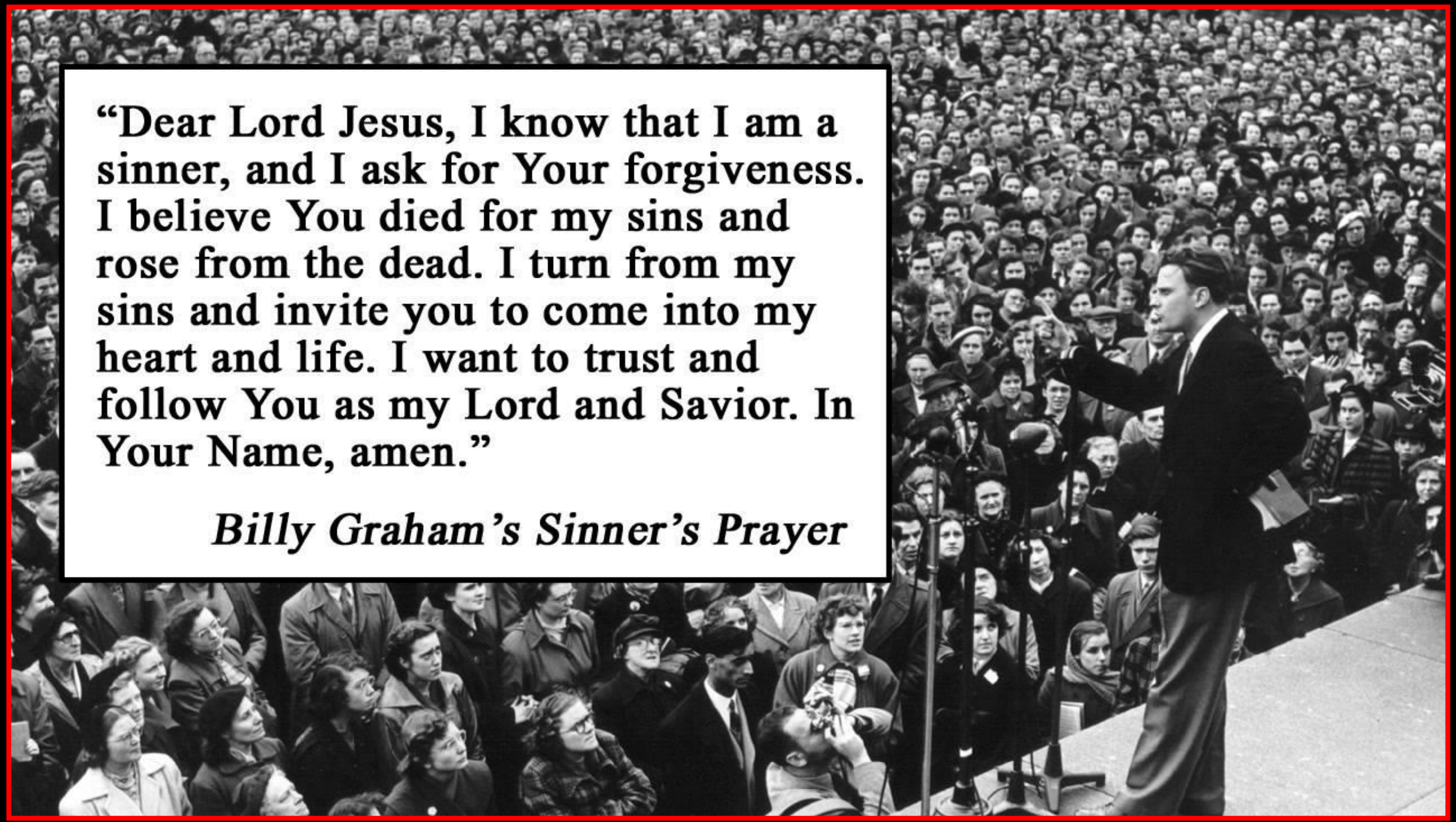
1837-1899



1918-2018



1926-2000


"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name, amen."
Billy Graham's Sinner's Prayer



The Bible does not
have anything like
a … *sinner's prayer.*

No one in the Bible
dated their salvation
from some decision.

Paul was confident of heaven
by three things he had done:

He fought a good fight.
He finished his course.
He had kept the faith.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day….

II Timothy 4:6-8

He did not appeal to any decision for Jesus or water baptism.

He did not even mention
his experience on the
road to Damascus.

We have several ways to deal with the error of decisional salvation.

On September 5, 2018 we studied 156 slides about the

Five Phases of Salvation

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Do you remember?

When Was Paul Saved?

How and When Was Paul Saved?

God saved Paul by His purpose … before the world began.

Jesus saved Paul by His death … when He died on a cross.

The Spirit saved him by regeneration … during Paul's life.

He saved himself by diligence … while he was a minister.

Jesus would save Paul to heaven … when He came again.

These five verses used

SAVED or SALVATION

five different ways.

Five Phases of Salvation

ETERNAL

LEGAL

VITAL

PRACTICAL

FINAL

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ETERNAL Phase … God saved Paul before the world began.

LEGAL Phase … Jesus saved Paul by dying on the cross.

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PRACTICAL Phase … he saved himself by being careful.

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Five Phases – Saved from Sin

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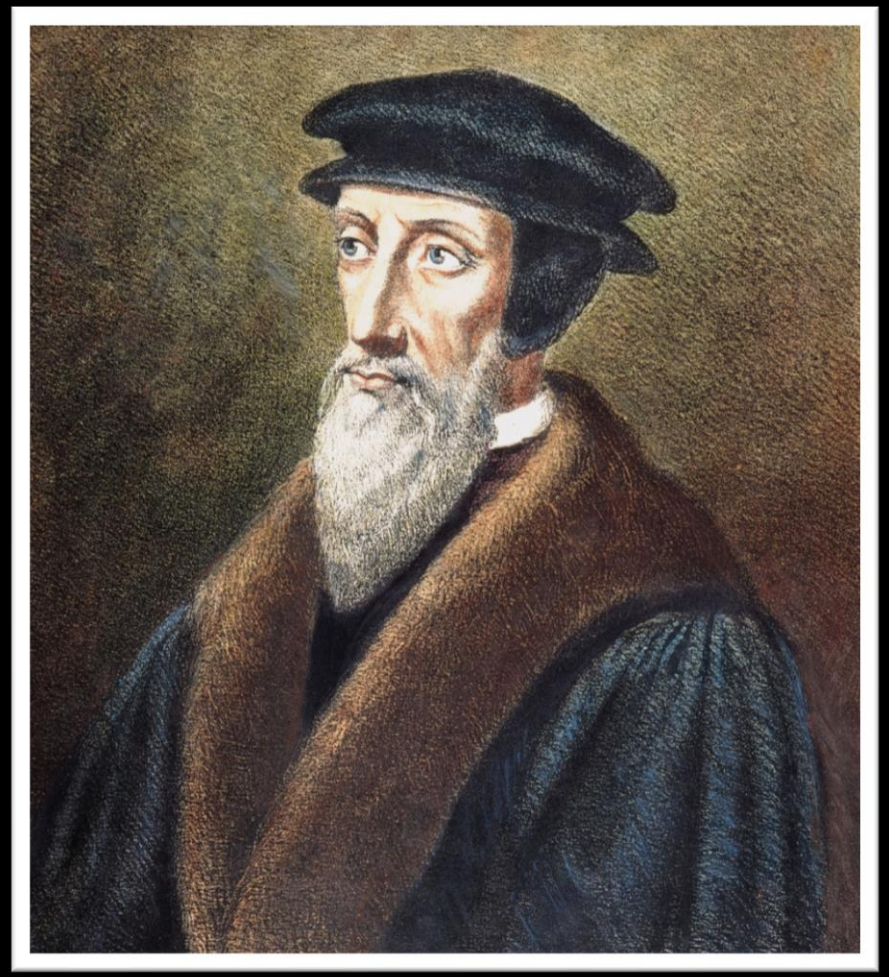
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On June 7, 2017 we
studied 131 slides about

Calvinism, Arminianism, Truth

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The Names Come from Two Men



John Calvin (1509-1564)



James Arminius (1560-1609)

Calvinism was the state religion in Holland.

The Arminians in 1610 confronted the state.

They wrote <u>five points</u> against Calvinism.

The <u>five points</u> summarize the controversy.

Now known as the <u>five points</u> of Calvinism.


The five points of
Calvinism are not the
five phases of salvation.

The Most Beautiful Flower in God's Garden

T*otal depravity*

U*nconditional election*

L*imited atonement*

I *rresistible grace*

P*reservation of the saints*



Our Early Calvinist Teachers

Jonathan Edwards

Loraine Boettner

John Owen

Arthur Pink

John Gill

John Brine

Spurgeon

CALVINISM, ARMINIANISM, and the TRUTH

	Total Depravity	Unconditional Election	Limited Atonement	Irresistible Grace	Perseverance Of the Saints
Arminianism:	Though morally hurt by sin in Eden, man has a free will to choose to obey or disobey God. Sin has not destroyed his ability or desire to cooperate with God. The Spirit can woo him to action without violating his will. He must obey by his choice before God will regenerate him.	God chose those He saw by foreknowledge would believe for eternal life. He could not choose on any other basis. He elected based on man's choice, whose ability is in his remaining free will. God wants all men to be saved, and He would never reject any one from eternal life.	Jesus Christ died for all the sins of all men. His death did not save any for certain, but only made salvation possible for all who will believe or obey. He paid the full sin debt for all men, but they must accept the transaction in order to have the benefits and go to heaven at death.	The Holy Spirit convicts all men by causing them to know they are sinners and need a Savior. But only some obey Him and get regenerated. Sinners may and do resist this offer of grace. Unless they cooperate, God will not quicken them against their resisting free will.	Honest Arminians require men to continue in faith and good works to be saved, for sin will take away eternal life. Some say that once saved there is no chance of losing it, because the decision made to accept Jesus gets your name in the book of life, no matter how you live.
Calvinism:	Man's nature is corrupt due to his sin in Eden. He lost his ability and desire to choose good or please God. He will not and cannot please God. The things of God are foolish to him. He must be given a new nature by God to see or choose Jesus Christ.	God chose some men to eternal life by His own will and purpose and for His own glory. When He viewed mankind, God saw only sin and no faith or good works. It is God's choice and not the sinner's that is the only and final basis for eternal life.	Jesus Christ died for all the Father gave Him to save. He died a substitute for them only, and God accepted and applied His death to them. He secured all spiritual blessings for the elect forever, and they shall never perish, and not even one shall be lost.	The Holy Spirit works powerfully with gospel preaching to bring the elect to conversion. Faith and repentance are God's gifts, and they cannot resist the Spirit's work. All of the elect will believe and obey the gospel by God's power.	All who were chosen by God, bought by Christ, and given faith by the Spirit shall be eternally saved. They are kept in faith and holiness by the power of God and thus all persevere to the end. They cannot finally apostatize or backslide and die in sin.
God's Truth:	Same as Calvinism.	Same as Calvinism.	Same as Calvinism.	God regenerates the elect from death in sins by His almighty power. Man is totally passive in his new birth and cannot resist. The born again child may resist or fall from gospel conversion, but salvation to heaven is sure. The gospel is for assurance, peace, and other practical benefits, not regeneration.	God preserves His elect, but He does not make them persevere in faith and obedience. Faith may be weak and even lost at times by the elect, yet God is faithful. His faith is the basis of their preservation. Abraham, Lot, Samson, and Paul are finally saved alike by God's grace and faithfulness, not theirs.
God's Proof:	Genesis 2:17; 5:3; Eph 2:1-3; 4:17-19; Ps 51:5; 58:3; John 3:3; 5:40; 8:47; Rom 3:10-12; 5:12; 8:7-8; Is 26:10; 44:20; Jer 13:23; Luke 16:31; I Cor 1:18; 2:14; II Cor 4:3-4.	Ps 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Rom 8:28-33; 9:11,22; Eph 1:3-12; Acts 13:48; II Thess 2:13; II Tim 1:9; Matt 22:14; John 10:26-29; 17:2; Rom 11:7; I Pet 1:2; 2:8; Jude 1:4; Rev 13:8; 17:8.	Ge 49:10; Mat 1:21; Lu 1:68; Jn 6:38-39; 10:11,15,27-29; 11:49-52; Rom 5:10,15-19; 8:29-34; 9:24; Eph 5:25; Heb 2:11-13; 7:25; 9:15; 10:10-14; I Pet 1:2; Rev 5:9; 13:8.	Eph 1:19; 2:1-5; Col 2:13; John 1:13; 3:8; 5:21,25-29; Luke 22:32; Acts 7:51; 16:14; Rom 1:8-15; 11:28; II Tim 1:9-10; Titus 3:5; Jas 5:19-20; I Pet 1:2; II Sam 12:23.	Ps 89:29-37; I Thess 5:23-24; Gal 1:6; 3:1; 4:19; 5:4; Heb 3:12-13; 11:32; Rom 8:28-39; John 10:27-29; 15:1-5; II Pet 2:7-8; II Tim 2:13,16-19; 4:18; I Cor 10:1-5; 11:32.

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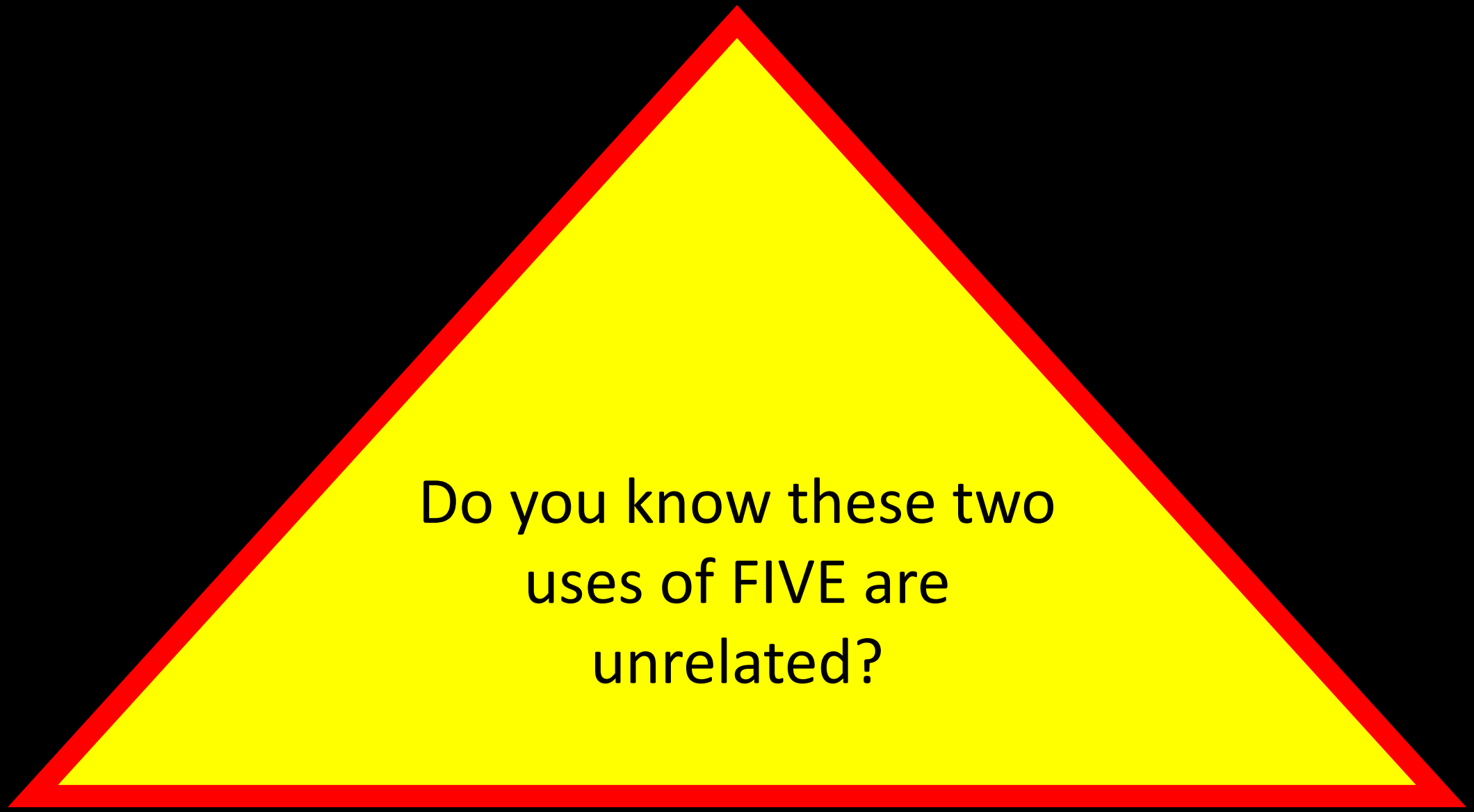

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You can present the Truth vs. Calvinism and Arminianism …

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Do you know these two
uses of FIVE are
unrelated?

By my observations, most of you prefer starting with the Five Phases.

That is not the order God gave them to us, nor is it the logical order for effective persuasion.


The best order is:
Seven Proofs
Five Phases
Calvinism

God gave us the seven proofs spontaneously in 1984.


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Seven Proofs prove eternal life a gift.

Five Phases rightly divide “salvation.”

Calvinism compares us to history.

If you can learn these three ways to present salvation, you will know more than most all seminary graduates.

What Are the Seven Proofs?

They are the Seven Proofs …

of Unconditional Salvation

The Seven Proofs were first taught in a 90-minute audio Bible study with detailed notes in 1987.

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Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation

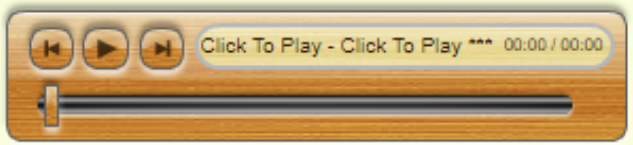


There are only two ways of eternal life - God's way or Satan's counterfeit. Either God gives eternal life as a free and unconditional gift, or man must perform conditions of faith or works to obtain it.

If man must do anything, then God's grace is ruined, man becomes his own saviour, religious financing determines eternal destiny, and Satan has robbed Jesus Christ of His glory!



Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation



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Proof #2: God expressly denies man's will or works in obtaining salvation.

Proof #3: Faith and works are results of salvation, not conditions or means for it.

Proof #4: Jesus Christ saves sinners by Himself without any human cooperation.

Proof #5: The gospel and its ordinances were never intended to give eternal life.

Proof #6: The Bible gives examples of sinners saved without any conditions.

Proof #7: Unconditional salvation is the only doctrine giving God all the glory.

Conclusion


Let’s go with this
slide review of
Seven Proofs!

Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation

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Expressly Denied

Faith/Works Are Results

Obedience of One Only

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Glory of God

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or

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Unconditional

or

Conditional

Grace

or

Works

Gift

or

Offer

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or

You must do something to get it.

If You Must Obey to Gain Eternal Life …

God’s grace is ruined.

Man is his own savior.

Money determines destiny.

Satan has robbed Jesus.

You get glory in heaven.

If you sent $100 to an evangelist, could you get another soul in heaven?

God saves by free grace alone.

or

Man saves himself by obedience.

Since 99% of professing “Christians” hold to conditional eternal life …

we better have some powerful Bible reasons to deny their doctrine.

Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation

No Desire or Ability

PROOF #1

Man has no natural desire or ability to obey or please God for salvation.

PROOF #1: No Desire or Ability

- Man is dead in trespasses and sin.
- Man is at enmity against God and His law.
- There is no fear of God or thought of God in man.
- He cannot see or hear and thinks spiritual things foolish.
- God checked, but not one man understood to seek Him.
- Rehabilitation or extraordinary means cannot help at all.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:1

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:7-8

There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Romans 3:18

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:4

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.
3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalm 14:2-3

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

John 8:43

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:14

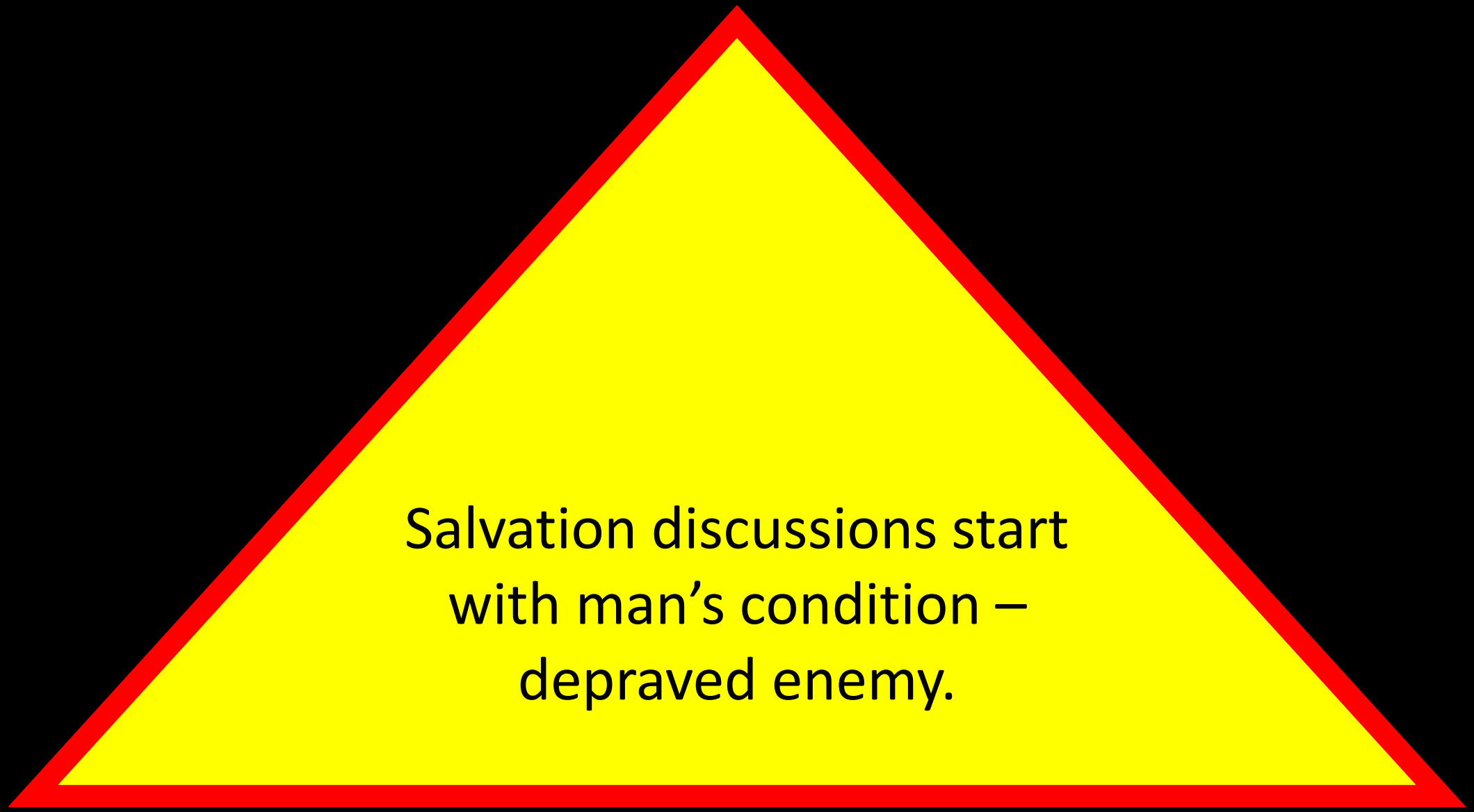
And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:31

If God does not save sinful man unconditionally, how can he be saved, since he will not and cannot perform any conditions, no matter how easy or simple?

Proof #1 is basically Total Depravity and has been expanded greatly in these links:

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/total-depravity.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/gods-will-or-free-will.pdf


Salvation discussions start
with man’s condition –
depraved enemy.

Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation

No Desire or Ability

Expressly Denied

PROOF #2

God expressly denies man's will
or works in obtaining salvation.

PROOF #2: Expressly Denied

- The human will is completely excluded.
- Human works are completely excluded as contrary to grace.
- God saves men while without strength and dead in sin.
- Salvation is a free gift thus excluding repayment or debt.
- God’s will and Christ’s work are the only parties and actions.
- It is God’s purpose and His alone that is the basis of salvation.

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:13

So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 9:16

And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Romans 11:6

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Colossians 2:13

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:24

For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Romans 9:15

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:9-10

The Bible clearly rejects man’s will involved in eternal life, but it emphasizes the will of God in choosing sinners for salvation.

Proof #2 is like Unconditional Election and has been expanded greatly in these links:

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/gods-will-or-free-will.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/is-election-fair.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/god-is-potter.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/god/dominion-of-god/sermon.php

If the clay did not choose
the Potter for salvation,
then He chose the clay.

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Faith/Works Are Results

PROOF #3

Faith and works are results of salvation,
not conditions or means for it.

PROOF #3: Faith/Works Are Results

- God must first work in us any desire or ability toward Him.
- Seeing, hearing, and knowing God are results of salvation.
- God regenerated us unto good works, not because of them.
- Faith itself, the foundation of good works, is a gift from God.
- It took the same power that raised Jesus to cause us to believe.
- Faith, love, and righteousness are the results of being saved.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

John 8:47

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

James 2:5

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:19-20

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

I John 3:14

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

I John 2:29

Any desire or works we have toward God
are due to His grace already in us,
which is too late for them to be
conditions for eternal life.

Proof #3 is like Salvation by Works and has been expanded greatly in these links:

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/salvation-by-works/sermon.php
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/when-was-cornelius-saved/sermon.php

What a travesty of study
to call results of salvation
the conditions for it!

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Faith/Works Are Results

Obedience of One Only

PROOF #4

Jesus Christ saves sinners by Himself
without any human cooperation.

PROOF #4: Obedience of One Only

- This is the glorious doctrine of imputation … not cooperation.
- Salvation is like condemnation – another's act charged to you.
- There is only one soul winner in heaven – Jesus our Saviour.
- The death of the Testator put the salvation covenant into force.
- Jesus Christ purged away our sins by one act by Himself forever.
- The elect were assigned to Jesus by name by covenant in eternity.

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:18-19

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15:22

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:3

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

Hebrews 9:15-16

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

I Peter 1:2

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

I Corinthians 1:30-31

Jesus alone is our Saviour, and He has no assistants in the great work to save rebels to God by His singular work of salvation.

Proof #4 is about Jesus and imputation and related to Limited Atonement and was expanded greatly in these links:

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/two-adams.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/limited-atonement.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/distinguishing-love-of-god.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/unsearchable-riches.pdf

What a Saviour we have!
Let us never allow anyone
to compromise His work.

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Ordinances Not for Life

PROOF #5

The gospel and its ordinances were never intended to give eternal life.

PROOF #5: Ordinances Not for Life

- Men have long tried to tie eternal life to religious ceremonies.
- Sacramentalism of Rome (7) is upheld by most Protestants (2).
- Ordinances are identifying – one individual – one congregational.
- They are both figurative, symbolic, metaphorical ordinances only.
- The gospel cannot help the lost; they reject it to condemnation.
- The gospel tells the elect what God has already done for them!

He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

II Kings 18:4

Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

Jeremiah 7:4

And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Acts 15:1

The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

I Peter 3:21

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Acts 15:1

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.

I Corinthians 11:26

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.
15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:
16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

II Corinthians 2:14-16

Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

II Timothy 2:10

Sacramentalism, including decisional salvation by Baptists and others, corrupts the gospel, the Commission, the church, the Spirit, the Lord, and our duties by perverting the gospel and ordinances.

Proof #5 is against Sacramentalism of any kind, including Baptist decisional salvation:

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/seven-sacraments-slides.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/baptism/proper-design.php
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/baptism-babel.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/born-again-truth.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/why-preach-the-gospel.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/why-no-invitation.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/regeneration-conversion-comparison.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/great-commission.pdf

A church’s mandate is not
the Great Commission,
but loving one another.

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Unconverted Elect

PROOF #6

The Bible gives examples of sinners saved without conditions and against conditions.

PROOF #6: Unconverted Elect

- John the Baptist leaped for Holy Ghost joy while in the womb.
- Lot preferred Sodom and ended up incestuous … and in heaven.
- Jesus loved the rich young ruler though he rejected conversion.
- Disobedient Israel in the wilderness was in Christ and God-loved.
- A segment of elect Israel was gospel enemies for us Gentiles.
- This is the only way David's baby or any baby gets to heaven.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Luke 1:15,44

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

II Peter 2:7-9

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

Mark 10:21-22

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.
5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

I Corinthians 10:1-5

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Romans 11:28-32

But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

II Samuel 12:23

This proof shocks Arminians and Calvinists, who preach most or all babies into heaven without any Bible basis for doing so.

We do not join universalists like Billy Graham, Robert Schuller, or some Primitive Baptists seeing the world going to heaven.

Proof #6 condemns conditions by showing examples of salvation without them:

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http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/sordid-story-genesis-19.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/first-corinthians-10.pdf
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/romans-eleven.pdf

We never presume on exceptions, but preach fruit and evidence for life.

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Glory of God

PROOF #7

Unconditional eternal life is the only doctrine giving God all the glory.

PROOF #7: Glory of God

- If eternal life is an offer, God is debtor and man saves himself.
- God will not share his glory or His Son's glory with any man at all.
- God created all things, including the wicked, for His pleasure.
- Salvation is not remedial but rather revelatory of His attributes.
- Eternal life is the gift of God to elect, forgive, adopt by His will.
- If eternal life is an offer, God is frustrated and man is the savior.

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Romans 4:4

Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

Romans 11:35

For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

Isaiah 48:11

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.
30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

I Corinthians 1:29-31

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof....
13 Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Revelation 5:3-5,13

The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Proverbs 16:4

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Romans 9:21-23

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:5-6

Which doctrine of salvation
gives God all the glory?

Unconditional?

or

Conditional?

Which doctrine of salvation gives God all the glory?

Arminian?
Calvinist?
Truth?

Proof #7 exalts God to where He belongs to receive all the glory for eternal life:

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http://www.letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/16_04.php
http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/god-is-potter.pdf
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http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/knowing-god-complete-01-08-2018.pdf

God has gloriously chosen to save some,
and He will not lose a single one of them.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6:37-39

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:26-29

Does unconditional eternal life destroy any motive for holy living?

No!

It creates the most motive!

For the only claim you can have to
God’s gift is constant holy living.

Rome’s sacraments allow any lifestyle.

Arminians can live in sin after a decision.

Calvinists are fatalists, so they can relax
and let God make them persevere in faith.

If you want to make God's unconditional gift of eternal life sure to your heart and mind, there are things you should do.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity….
10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall….

II Peter 1:5-11

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21

By observation, most of you present salvation by the Five Phases.

That is not the order God gave them to us, nor is it the logical order for effective persuasion.


The best order is:
Seven Proofs
Five Phases
Calvinism

Seven Proofs prove eternal life a gift.

Five Phases rightly divide “salvation.”

Calvinism compares us to history.

If you can learn these three ways to present salvation, you will know more than most all seminary graduates.

The Seven Proofs were first taught in a 90-minute audio Bible study with detailed notes in 1987.

http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/unconditional-salvation/sermon.php

Every family should go through this audio study with outline.

Use your big screen, smart television for something great!

For Further Study (1)

Five Phases of Salvation … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/how-are-you-saved.pdf.

Calvinism, Arminianism, and Truth … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/calvinism-arminianism-slides.pdf

When Was Cornelius Saved? … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/when-was-cornelius-saved/sermon.php.

Does God Love Everybody? … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/does-god-love-everybody.pdf.

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What If Election Is True? … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/what-if-election-is-true.pdf.

Dominion of God … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/god/dominion-of-god/sermon.php.

Limited Atonement … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/limited-atonement.pdf.

How to be Born Again … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/born-again-truth.pdf.

Regeneration or Conversion (comparison) … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/regeneration-conversion-comparison.pdf.

Regeneration or Conversion (diagram) … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/salvation/regeneration-and-conversion.pdf.

Total Depravity … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/total-depravity.pdf.

The Two Adams … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/two-adams.pdf.

Salvation by Works … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/salvation-by-works/sermon.php.

For Further Study (2)

Why No Invitation? … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/why-no-invitation.pdf.

Why Preach the Gospel? … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/why-preach-the-gospel.pdf.

Great Commission … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/great-commission.pdf.

Timeline of Abraham … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/timeline-of-abraham.pdf.

Facets of Salvation … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/facets-of-salvation/sermon.php.

Assurance of Salvation … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/assurance-of-eternal-life.pdf.

Age of Accountability … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/heresy/age-of-accountability/sermon.php.

Questions for Arminians … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/questions-for-arminians.pdf.

Problem Texts of Salvation … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/salvation/salvation-problem-texts/sermon.php.

Five Phases by Others … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/five-phases-by-others.pdf.

Justification by Christ Alone … Samuel Richardson … http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/salvation/justification-by-christ-alone.pdf.

Malaysia Bible Conference (2006) … contact author.

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