

Where & Why Calvinism & Corporate Views Do Not Agree

and how to find them without shouting.

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Finding Common Ground
between
Calvinist & Corporate Election Friends

A discussion based on Scripture alone

Goal: finding where each other to agree [*or disagree*] with a plain reading of certain Bible verses.
This will help to streamline our discussion.

PART I

Corporate Election goes first

Please give three uninterrupted minutes to ask three “yes or no” questions, after you give me simple answers I will give you 15 minutes to explain your answers. Then I have eleven more questions, and ipm sure you will also have more.

1. Can we agree about: Jesus’ answer concerning being **born again**:
John 3.4 - Nicodemus’ question: “How can a man be born again?”
John 3.16 - Jesus’ answer: “whosoever believeth in Him. . .receives everlasting life (i.e. is born again)” *This is Jesus’ answer to Nick’s question.*
yes no at least we understand each other

2. Can we agree about: the Father’s **drawing** & the Son’s drawing:
Yes, we agree with Calvin that no one comes unless the Father draws him (John 6.44).
Do you agree that Jesus clearly states that He “will draw all men?” (John 12.32)
yes no at least we understand each other

3. Can we agree about: **God’s foreknowledge**:
I think we agree that in God’s foreknowledge He knew that you and I would trust Jesus as Savior. Romans 8.29 “for whom He did foreknow”
* *Even though we don’t agree whether Jesus gives some a special ability to believe.*
Do you agree that in His foreknowledge God knows exactly what sins I’ll commit next month?
Heb 4.13 “all things are naked and opened unto (God)”
Jer 1.5 “before thou camest forth out of the womb”
yes no at least we understand each other
Do you agree that God’s foreknowledge does not make Him responsible for my sin. I am entirely culpable for my own sin?
Psa 51.4 “against Thee only have I sinned”
yes no at least we understand each other

Calvinism goes second

Please take 15 uninterrupted minutes to explain your response and/or ask any questions you care.

PART II

Corporate View has eleven more questions to see where we have common ground.

- Let's concur to allow each of us to have ___?___ uninterrupted minutes to explain how we understand where we stand.
- The following eleven points have already been suggested by the Corporate view.
- If both sides say "yes" no further discussion is necessary. Just shake hands even though there may be some semantic differences. At least you know where each other stand.
- Do not bring any other verses to bear on these verses at this time.
- Granted permission to address these in any order you choose.
- Play nicely. Keep track of your time.

A. Can we agree that:

...Romans 3.1 says, "there is none that seeketh after God, no, not one?"

yes no at least we understand each other

...some do seek after God [notably Cornelius, the eunuch] and God must have drawn them?

Jer 29.13 "ye shall seek Me and find Me when. . ."

yes no at least we understand each other

#1. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

B. Can we agree that:

...the entire nation of Israel was chosen by God (Deut 7.6, "God has chosen you. . ."), but that doesn't mean that everyone in the nation would have eternal life [including the 21st century Jews]?

yes no at least we understand each other

* The most common CONTEXT for "choosing, elect, predestine, called" etc. is God's comments about using believers [sometimes unbelievers] for serving God's purposes.

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Called & Chosen: 8 words about salvation

#2. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

C. Can we agree that:

...your understanding of the passive voice in Acts 13.48 (p.#7, bullet points #3, 5, 7) could possibly be a proper translation. At least it must be recognized in any proper discussion of this verse.

yes no at least we understand each other

If "no", why not? Since it seems to agree with so many verses seem to extend the offer of man's active [never passive] participation of believing in 211 passages.

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211 X, Belief or Faith

Please use only concomitant verses rather than logic.

#3. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

D. Can we agree that:

. . . Ephesians 2.1 speaks of the spiritually “dead” condition of all mankind, and that I Corinthians 15.22 agrees with Eph 2.1 by stating “as in Adam all die?” Are all men “dead” when they come into the world?

yes no at least we understand each other

** This question has to do with the chronology we think that “born again, saved, regeneration, born from above, eternal life” actually takes place.*

** We must be open with each other in this portion of our discussion.*

Frinstance: do you believe the apostle Paul was “born of the Spirit” before the Damascus road [eternity past], or after Jesus spoke to him in that vision?

** We in the Corporate view of election believe Paul was not “born of the Spirit” until after he met Jesus.*

agree disagree at least we understand each other

#4. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

E. Can we agree that:

. . . Titus 2.11 says, “the grace that brings salvation hath appeared to all men.”

yes no

** If “no” please provide a verse to countermand “to all men.”*

#5. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

F. Can we agree that:

. . . most of the “elect” verses are not speaking in a context of personal salvation. Most refer to God’s choice of usefulness to His purposes. Most interestingly Romans 9,10, & 11 connect not one name with salvation.

yes no at least we understand each other

If you disagree, please present one verse in the Bible which does clearly connect the word “elect” with personal salvation.

#6. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

G. Can we agree that:

. . . II Thes 2.13 clearly says that the means of God uses in selecting us for salvation is faith. “God hath chosen you. . . through. . . belief.”

yes no at least we understand each other

#7. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

H. Can we agree that:

...Acts 17.30 says, "God commandeth all men, everywhere to repent"

* repenting is possible for all men, everywhere

yes no at least we understand each other

* If "no" explain Jesus' words when He said of some unbelievers [*non-elect*],
"If [*such and such*] . . . they would have repented long ago."

* In His foreknowledge God knows what would have happened if. . . .

* This countermands the idea of an irresistible grace given only to the elect.

* Here were non-elect who could have believed, repented.

#8. Can we agree that: [*now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic*]

yes no at least we understand each other

I. Can we agree that:

...Paul warned believers not to allow sin to reign in their lives? Romans 6.12

yes no at least we understand each other

...*even though Calvinism holds that this injunction is not necessary since
"true believers" are incapable of allowing sin to reign.*

* see Calvin's further explanation of "*ye shall never fall*," II Peter 1.10

* Concomitant question: "How long can one who is elect allow any of these sins to reign:

- hold a grudge?

- not pray for laborers to go into the harvest?

- be spiteful

- be characterized as a complaining person

- be lazy

- overeat, gluttony [*no morbidly obese in heaven?*]

- and the list goes on, and on. . . .

- weeks? months? years?

* Paul's rebuke contradicts Calvin's fabricated principle that every elect person has no ability to live in sin. This seems to have no clear Bible verse to support it.

#9. Can we agree that: [*now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic*]

yes no at least we understand each other

J. Can we agree that:

...Paul addressed the Corinthian church as "brethren" (28X) and still rebuked them for 14 persistent church-wide sins?

yes no at least we understand each other

* see "*Syllabi*" (*on my website*), *I Corinthians*, p.#8, right hand column for a list of the
14 Rebukes with their references.

* *This contradicts Perseverance—"P."*

#10. Can we agree that: [*now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic*]

yes no at least we understand each other

K. Can we agree that:

...I Corinthians 11.30 speaks of Corinthian believers who were persistent in sins so serious that Paul stated, "many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep [*dead*]"

yes no at least we understand each other

* *This verse contradicts Perseverance—"P."*

* *I presume you agree that God causes sickness and death for seriously sinning saints.*



#11. Can we agree that: [now the Calvinist adherent puts forth a statement on any topic]

yes no at least we understand each other

From the Corporate View we think a Calvinist's greatest flaw is to read the Bible to check if it agrees with Calvin's notes.

What do you see as our greatest flaw in reading the Bible?

Suggestion: before a discussion you might have the Calvinist write out a dozen statements he/she may want to address before meeting for a discussion.

