**Calvinism**

* The greatest quality of God is his sovereignty.
* The greatest goal of the Christian is knowledge of God
* Each person is inherently guilty of Adam and Eve’s sin. The infant is condemned by this guilt. – Original Sin
* The Fall corrupted Man’s ability to discern good from evil. Man cannot choose good.
* God *DETERMINED* before creation, whom he would save/destroy. – this is what Calvin called Predestination
* The Five basic principles of Calvinism are presented by the anacronym TULIP:

Total Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistable Grace

Perseverance of the Saints

**What Does Scripture Say?**

* I John 4:7-12; John 13:34-35 – God’s defining nature is His love
* Matthew 22:36-40; 1 Corinthians 13:13 – Man’s greatest goal is to love like God
* Genesis 2:17; 3:4-7; 3:22 – The Fall *gave* man the ability to discern good and evil
* Romans 11:15-24 – Ongoing process of adding and removing
* Acts 17:26-30 God *DETERMINED* our times and places so that we would have an opportunity to seek and find Him. God *DETERMINES* opportunity, but not choice.
* Romans 8:28-29 – God makes a plan for everyone to become disciples of Jesus. Not a *DETERMINATION*, but a *DESTINATION*.
* 2 Peter 3:8-9 – God’s will is that everyone repent, and so He is being patient in sending Jesus for the second coming
* Hebrews 6:4-8 – The Elect can fall away