

CHRISTIAN

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# **Christian Myth Busters**

## We Are Provisionists Part 1

**Provisionist**

<sup>6</sup>In mercy and truth  
Atonement is PROVIDED for iniquity;  
And by the fear of the LORD one departs  
from evil.

PROVERBS 16:6

**Provisionist**

Sovereign Determinism

World

All

Total Depravity

Perseverance and Eternal Security

Election (aka Chosen)

Predestination

# **God's Sovereign Determinism**

**God's Love**

**Romans 13:14:** make no provision [ahead of time] for the flesh in order to fulfill the flesh's lust

**πρόνοια (pro-nia)**  
a “provision by foresight”

**1 John 2:1-2 and 1 Timothy 4:10-11**

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate [lawyer] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous [one]. And He Himself is the propitiation [satisfaction] for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the WHOLE WORLD.

I JOHN 2:1-2

<sup>10</sup>For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. <sup>11</sup>These things command and teach.

I TIMOTHY 4:10-11

For the love of Christ compels us, [why?] because we judge thus [or in this way]: that if One died for ALL, then ALL died [or are died for]; and He died for ALL, that those who live should live [thru faith] no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

II CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

<sup>16</sup>God so loved [ALL of] the world [so much that] He gave [the only thing He did not create] His Son that [whosoever out of the ALL] that believes shall possess everlasting LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in this [dying] flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Amen!

GALATIANS 2:20

# Ephesians 2:1-7

1 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,  
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world [or this Age in which we live], according to the [direction of the] prince of the power of the air [Satan], the spirit who now works in [energizes] the sons of disobedience.

[Who are the sons of disobedience?],

3 among whom also WE ALL once conducted ourselves in the [sphere of our] lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the [the two spheres of the] desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as [all] the others.

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, [Why is He rich in mercy?]  
BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE with which He [actively,  
continuously] loved us,  
5 [He] even [loved us] when we were [spiritually] dead in trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved  
[thru faith according to v. 8]),  
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the  
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of  
His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

**His love for us,  
Drives Everything He Does**

“We can never exaggerate the importance of God’s sovereignty, for God is the greatest of all realities, indeed, the very ground of reality, and SOVEREIGNTY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT HIM. The other attributes of God are also important. But if in our minds we ignore, distort, or deny God’s sovereignty, meaning the absolute determination and rule by God of all his works and creatures, God will no longer be God for us. His decrees and acts will be determined by something else, either by mere human beings or by circumstances or by some other cosmic power, and these other things (or nothing) will be our actual God. In order to be sovereign, God must also be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free. If he were limited in any one of these areas, he would not be truly sovereign. Yet the sovereignty of God is greater than any one of these attributes.”

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him WHO WORKS ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL,

EPHESIANS 1:11

# Sovereign Determinism

# Determinism Requires Biblical Grammar Gymnastics

“The fact is, the love of God is a truth for the saints only.” He said:

The “world” in John 3:16 must, in the final analysis, refer to the world of God’s people only.

CALVINIST A. W. PINK (1886-1952)

**World**

All

“That God commanded “all men” to repent is but the enforcing of His righteous claims as the moral Governor of the world.”

A. W. PINK

“This Scripture does not declare that it is God’s pleasure to “give repentance” to all men everywhere.”

ACTS 5:31

Him [Jesus] has God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

ACTS 5:31

“And He [Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

I JOHN 2:2

**“The Calvinist Solution”—And He is the propitiation for the sins of the elect: and not for the elect only, but also for the sins of the elect.**

**Total Depravity**

Ezekiel 16:47  
Judges 2:19  
1 Kings 16:25  
Jeremiah 7:26

**To a Calvinist total depravity means  
“total inability”**

**Calvinism says, “that because all mankind is so dead in trespasses and sins no one can respond in any way to receive Christ as their Savior.”**

# Quotes From Well-Known Calvinists

Provisionists believe that all are Spiritually Dead but able to understand and believe

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Calvinists believe the totally Depraved and Spiritually Dead need to be rebirthed before believing

**Calvinists Teach that Believing the Gospel  
Requires a New Birth First**

## The Bible Always Puts “Believing” First with Life as the Result

- John 3:15 Whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- John 3:16 Whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 3:36 He that believes on the Son has everlasting life.
- John 5:24 He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life is passed from death unto life.
- John 20:31 But these [many signs] are written [in order] that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might [then] have life through his name.

**“Whosoever is born again and is now eternally alive and then believes will not perish”**

**Perseverance and Eternal Security  
Is Perseverance Eternal Security?**

Citing Augustine, Calvin wrote, “Those who do not persevere unto the end do not belong to the calling of God.”

Calvin also stated: “What they [the Christians at Corinth] had attained so far is nothing, unless they keep steadily on; because it is not enough that they once started off on the way of the Lord, if they do not make an effort to reach the goal.”

In A. W. Pink's book *Practical Christianity*, Pink taught, "If there is a reserve in your obedience, you are on the road to hell."

Pink also said: "Something more than believing in Christ is necessary to ensure the soul's reaching Heaven."

Calvinist theologian and co-founder of the Westminster Theological Seminary, Dr. John Murray states: "Let us appreciate the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints and recognize that we may entertain the faith of our security in Christ only as we persevere in faith and holiness to the end."

**Are we Misrepresenting Calvinists?**

# Election and predestination

**Determining if You Are Elect  
Involves Your Believing**

**Pre DESTINATION is only a Household Term  
for God's DESTINATION for Believers Only**

**We are Provisionists!**