

To the Servants of the Most High God at Topeka, Kansas Sunday, April 30, 2023

TULIP – Part 4

The last three times I have spoken, I discussed the acronym TULIP and I included an article from 2006 by a professor and Doctor of Theology representing the Southern Baptist Convention. It was called “*Assessing the TULIP of Calvinism.*” That article in its entirety is again attached. But, before I get to this, I have a few news items.

- **Pro-Infant-Murder Abortion Drug**



The pro-infant-murder lobby in this country (a/k/a “pro-choice” or pro-abortionists) have been losing their mind of late because a U.S. District Court judge in Texas ruled to limit the abortion pill Mifepristone by mail (where a doctor can just send you a prescription for it by mail) and to limit its use so only can kill babies up to 7 weeks old and not 10. By the media frenzy you would think - all women in the U.S. had just lost 100% of their health care – forever. The reason they are so mad is that up to 50% of all abortions in the U.S. are medication abortions. This drug is the most effective and the most popular.

In 2016, the FDA changed the rules they had in place and said you now can get the drug by mail and instead of 3 mandatory doctors’ visits to get access to this drug you only need one. Make no mistake the U.S. has an abortion-industrial complex. The term “Military-industrial complex” describes the relationship between a country’s military and the defense industry that supplies it. Together they have a vested interest in influencing public policy. The same is true for abortion. We have an abortion-industrial complex. The pharmaceutical lobby, feminist lobby, doctor’s lobby, medical equipment providers lobby, medical clinic lobby, democrat lobby at all levels of the government (local, state and federal - including the White House when occupied by a democrat and the corresponding government agencies) all have a very real and vested interest in abortion and by that they seek to influence public policy.

If abortion was the only sin of this nation, it would be enough to justify the destruction of this country. Since 1973 the U.S. has slaughtered some 63,000,000 babies.

A woman at a T-Mobile picket last week was yelling “my body, my body, my body, my body, my body” in response to our “Abortion is Bloody Murder” sign. God Almighty loaned you that body for a very short time and you have violated the terms and conditions of use. 1 Cor. 6:18 *Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

Rev. 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, **and murderers, and whoremongers,** and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, **shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*** The Bible ends badly (the book of Revelation) with most of the earth deconstructed. Abortion feeds God’s wrath. Rom. 2:5 *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds.* How hard and impenitent do you have to be to murder your own offspring? The wrath of God is increasing and accumulating toward these men and women. We have seen a lot of flooding in this country and when a dam breaks it is catastrophic! It is



a never-ending treasure of pain and suffering that will be here before you know it. God’s

patience has an end. THE CUP of American iniquity will be filled, and then that flood of wrath will sweep over these people, and they won't remember anything but that and our warnings of their coming and now upon them, destruction. In that hour, they will look for our blood for telling them that God did it and warning them to repent. Even as they did to Elisha.

2 Kings 6:28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. 30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

Don't be deceived Beloved the righteous judgment of God is nearly here. The hand of God is on the door handle and at a day, fixed by God and certain, God will open the door and He will sit on the judgment seat and deliver judgment according to each's man's work and this blood these men and women have spilt will be answered for. Heb 10:31 *It is a fearful (terrible) thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

*Gen. 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And He said, **What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.** 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.*

What hast thou done? This is none other than the thunderous Divine voice of God Almighty as the Judge of all things. A few weeks ago there was a loud thunder clap right over my head – it scared the daylights out of me. Think of that. This question that God asks Cain is rhetorical. This is God's arraignment of Cain. An arraignment is a formal reading of a criminal charge in the presence of the defendant, to inform them of the charges against them. Cain pleads Not Guilty to the charge (*I know not: Am I my brother's keeper – you liar! You are just like your father the devil – John 8:44 - Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*). God doesn't need an answer from Cain. The question is laden with guilt

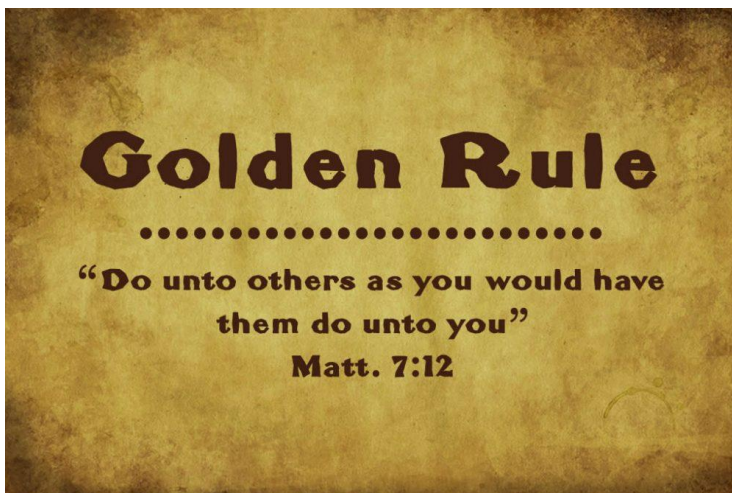
and judgment. God knows exactly what Cain had done, the second he did it. Cain killed his own brother. Just like these women and men kill their own flesh and blood. Some of the old expositors say blood is plural “bloods” (maybe multiple stab wounds where the blood flowed). Abel was innocent in that he did nothing that deserved death at Cain’s hand. These babies are innocent regarding their mothers – they did nothing to their mothers to deserve death at their hand. Cain could bury Abel’s body, but he couldn’t hide the stench of Abel’s blood from God. The life is in the blood and that blood cries out to God. Likewise, the landfills of this country are covered with the blood of these babies. God knows the location of each. And God knows the name of every single person that participates in these crimes against God and humanity. In case you are confused, God Almighty is intimately aware of the deeds of man. *Heb 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.* The blood cries from the ground. The earth is permanently stained with it. The very ground is defiled. The blood of 63,000,000 babies cries out to the Lord every hour of every day.

2Sa 21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. The guilty shall not go unpunished. *Prov. 11:21 – Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished...*

Numbers 14:18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

This blood deserves and demands an answer from God, and one will come. We have 63,000,000+ murderers walking around without charges against them. These mothers didn’t

just commit these murders themselves. They had a lot of help. There are a lot of accomplices yet to be charged. They all think they got away with the perfect crime, but they didn’t. The wrath of God is coming like a dam that is about to break on them. This IS a big deal. Blood calls for blood.



Much is made of the golden rule: Mat. 7:12 ***Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.***

Consider that verse in this context. These women and men that murder their babies break Christ's rule here. No one, wants to be murdered – no one. The desire to live is universal. The condign wrath of God hangs over this nation and over every parent that consents to this diabolical sin unless God would grant repentance and impute the righteousness of Christ and cover that little repentant soul with that beautiful white garment. *Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

For this is the law and the prophets - That is, this is the sum or substance of the Old Testament. It is the "royal law." Jas 2:8 *If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well.* This is a summary expression of all that the law required, as it spoke to charity and law and exhortation about justice. The meaning is, that the second table of the law is fulfilled, when every man conducts himself in the same manner towards others, as he wishes them to conduct themselves towards him. There is no need of long and involved debates if this simplicity is preserved.

- **Sexually Transmitted Infections (formerly STDs, but as salve for the guilty conscience, and to make sin palatable, we changed disease to infection) Jumped by 7% in 2021**

CNN Health

More than 2.5 million cases of sexually transmitted infections were reported in 2021, jumping by 7% in one year, according to new data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The US STI epidemic shows no signs of slowing," said Dr. Leandro Mena, director of the CDC's Division of STD Prevention. Chlamydia accounted for more than half of the reported cases, with rates increasing about 4% in 2021. Cases of gonorrhoea rose nearly 5%. Rates of congenital syphilis are skyrocketing in the US...

STIs affect every population, but the 2021 data from the CDC shows that case rates are disproportionately high among gay and bisexual men, younger people, and Black and American Indian people.

"To make progress towards ending this STI epidemic, we must really meet people where they are by developing tailored and localized interventions to have the greatest

impact,” Mena said. “We want to make sure that we’re addressing the social and economic conditions that make it more difficult for some of these populations to stay healthy.”

- **Easter**



So called “Easter” was a few weeks ago. This is where the false “Christians” try to boot strap in Christ’s death with ancient pagan festivals celebrating spring and the worship of the fertility gods like Diana of the Ephesians. The English word “Easter” comes from Eostre, or Eostrae, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Eggs represented fertility and birth in pagan traditions. This is where egg decorating, egg rolling, and easter egg hunts come from. Rabbits are symbols of fertility as baby bunnies appear in great numbers in early spring. So, voila we get the Easter “Bunny” with candy and Easter baskets.

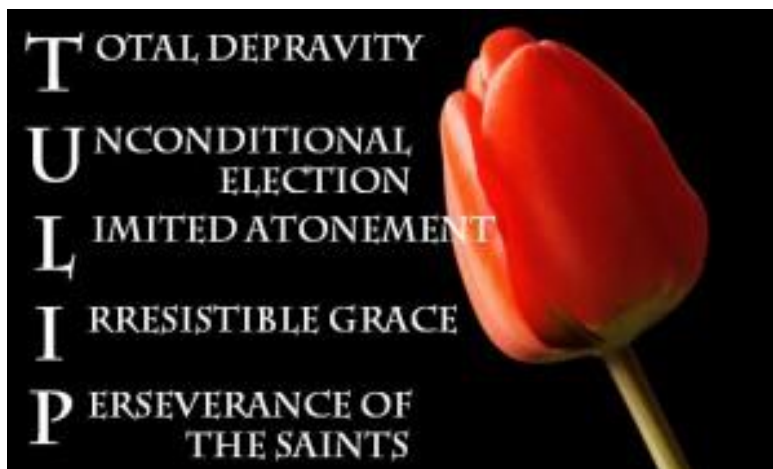
Look beloved, if you want to pack the pews of your church you must compromise a little. We watched as droves and droves of people entered Topeka Bible Church and Topeka Baptists on so called Easter. We saw lots of families enter in with their Sunday bests. We saw a woman enter Topeka Baptist with rabbit ears on. We were in Dillons the day before “Easter” and a man came on and announced they were having sales on Easter candy, Easter flowers, and Easter baskets. Beloved, the History channel says “Easter” is a commercial event as well as a religious holiday marked by high sales for greeting cards, candies (Peeps, chocolate eggs, chocolate Easter bunnies) as well as Easter baskets, flowers and the like. Beloved it is just a little idolatry and a little false religious systems. It is just a little Easter, a little Christmas, a little adultery, a little fornication, a little sodomitical practices, etc. Ezra and I were standing and watching all these people go in to these so called conservative bible churches. I said to Ezra, if you have 99% non-leaven and 1% leaven what do you have? He said **“you have leaven, don’t you know – a little leaven, leaveneth the whole loaf “** Gal. 5:9 *A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.*

Mat. 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; *The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.* Leaven starts out small in quantity but has a swelling and spreading quality. Once you have errors in the church they quickly multiply until there is no truth left – just error. A noted way that this occurs is through rites and customs. At first it is a slight tendency to conform to accepted

rites and customs and then it pervades the whole. Or, an error starts out as seemingly slight and unimportant, and then it blooms and explodes into something else.

I kept taking runs at Ezra. I said what about the doctrines of “statistically insignificant” and “de minimis.” He didn’t buy it. I felt dirty just standing in front of those churches watching this all take place. It washed over me beloved. You can try and change the definitions, but in the end it is still a little leaven and it leads to the Lord Jesus Christ having something somewhat against you. We do not experiment with idolatry, whoremongery and the like. Its outcomes lead to the loss of the candlestick, pure and simple (see Rev. 2 and 3).

TULIP



Perserverance of the Saints

Perserverance of the Saints

The Arminians equivocated with regard to the eternal security of believers. The Calvinists, however, concluded that God “preserves true believers” from apostasy. Based upon texts like John 10:28 — neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand — our Baptist confession states, “All true believers endure to the end” and “will never fall away.” Consequently, this may be the only doctrine from the Synod of Dort which the overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists support.

You don’t lose your salvation beloved. Period. If you do, the promises would not be true and God is not a liar.

Here is the full text of John 10:27-30: *27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life (no free will); 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. 30 I and my Father are one.*

My sheep, my church, my people - those who have the true spirit are my followers. Hear my voice- it means that they hear and obey His commandments. They follow me. A flock follows its shepherd to pastures and streams. Christians not only obey Christ, but they imitate him; they go where his Spirit and providence lead them; they yield themselves to his guidance, and seek to be led by him. It means His commandments are not grievous to them and they love and follow them.

Gill: My Father which gave [them] me, &c.] So the sheep came to be Christ's, and to be in his hand; the Father gave them to him, put them into his hands, and made them his care and charge.

is greater than all; than all gods, than all beings, than all creatures, angels and men, and than all the enemies of his people; this must be allowed: the Vulgate Latin version, and so some of the ancients read, "what my Father gave to me, is greater than all"; meaning, that the church given to him, and built on him, is stronger than all its enemies:

and none is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand; so that these sheep have a double security; they are in the hands of Christ, and they are in the hands of the Father of Christ; wherefore could it be thought, which ought not to be, that they could be plucked out of Christ's hands, yet it can never be imagined, that any can pluck them out of the hands of God the Father – the very Godhead of eternity!

Mat. 18:14 *Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*

John 3:15: *"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish."*

Mark 10:29 *And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*

Ac 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Ro 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1Jo 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1Jo 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Beloved, what do the heathen need perservering from? The world loves them! 1 Cor. 4:9 - *...for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. 1 Cor. 4:13 Being defamed, we intreat: (they are not defamed) we are made as the filth of the world (these false Christians rule this world), and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.*

They did a survey and found little that Americans agree on, but one of them is that God does not hate and that Westboro Baptist Church is wrong. Aside from Catholics the Southern Baptists have the most followers in Congress. It is hard to get more mighty and noble than Congress.

In new Congress, nearly nine-in-ten describe themselves as Christian

| Religion | Number in Congress | % of Congress | % of U.S. adults |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Christian | 468 | 88.1 | 65 |
| Protestant | 294 | 55.4 | 43 |
| Baptist | 66 | 12.4 | 15 |
| Methodist | 35 | 6.6 | 5 |
| Anglican/Episcopal | 26 | 4.9 | 1 |
| Presbyterian | 24 | 4.5 | 2 |
| Lutheran | 22 | 4.1 | 4 |
| Congregationalist | 3 | 0.6 | 1 |
| Nondenom. Protestant | 12 | 2.3 | 6 |
| Pentecostal | 2 | 0.4 | 5 |
| Restorationist | 4 | 0.8 | 2 |
| Adventist | 2 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Reformed | 1 | 0.2 | <1 |
| Pietist | 1 | 0.2 | <1 |
| Unspecified/other | 96 | 18.1 | 5 |
| Catholic | 158 | 29.8 | 20 |
| Mormon | 9 | 1.7 | 2 |
| Orthodox Christian | 7 | 1.3 | <1 |
| Jewish | 33 | 6.2 | 2 |
| Buddhist | 2 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Muslim | 3 | 0.6 | 1 |
| Hindu | 2 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Unitarian Universalist | 3 | 0.6 | <1 |
| Unaffiliated | 1 | 0.2 | 26 |
| Other | 1 | 0.2 | 3 |
| Don't know/refused | <u>18</u> | <u>3.4</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Total | 531* | 100 | 100 |

I Cor. 1:26 *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.*

I love you all, Amen.

NEWS ARTICLES

Assessing the 'TULIP' of Calvinism

By [Malcolm B. Yarnell III](#), posted [April 4, 2006](#) in

EDITORS' NOTE: SBC LIFE, journal of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, published two articles on Calvinism in its April edition. In this article, Malcolm B. Yarnell III sets forth "The TULIP of Calvinism, In Light of History and the Baptist Faith and Message."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The following is a summary of the "TULIP" of classic Calvinism, set against the backdrop of its origins and compared to the Baptist Faith and Message, with the full recognition that Scripture is the final authority on all beliefs and doctrinal systems.

TULIP's Origins and Emphasis

After the death of John Calvin, Theodore Beza and other Calvinist theologians reformed their doctrine around predestination in the matter of salvation and developed their various "doctrines of grace." Their major emphasis on divine sovereignty led to theological assertions that caused division in the Reformed theological community. Jacob Arminius, a Dutch student of Beza, countered some Calvinist teaching. In 1610, the "Arminians" crafted five articles which affirmed the election of believers but disagreed with the Calvinists' interpretation of election. In 1618, the Calvinists of the Dutch Reformed Church convened the Synod of Dort in order to condemn the Arminians and their five points. Dort's "five heads" of doctrine were later rearranged under the acronym TULIP.

Total Depravity

Calvinists at Dort viewed man not simply as sinful, but argued that every aspect of man's being is affected by sin, including his will. Some of Calvin's later followers went so far as to say that God actually decreed humans to become sinners. On the basis of Scripture (Romans 3:23), Southern Baptists have consistently affirmed that all humans are sinners by nature and by choice, but have generally rejected extreme views of post-Dort Calvinists that man is incapable of moral action and that God is ultimately responsible for human sin. The Baptist Faith and Message states, "By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation."

Unconditional Election

Followers of Calvin argued that God decreed from eternity to elect some to salvation. Subsequent followers posited a more extreme view that in conjunction with God's election in eternity past of some to salvation, He also condemned others to damnation, a teaching otherwise known as "double predestination." Most Southern Baptists would counter that it is God's revealed will that all people experience salvation, citing texts such as: The Lord ... is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance (emphasis added, 2 Peter 3:9) and God our Savior ... wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (emphasis added, 1 Timothy 2:4). In response, Calvinists argue their system is part of God's "secret will," not His "revealed will." but the source of their knowledge of this "secret will" is unclear.

Further, Southern Baptists generally reject as unscriptural the teaching that God arbitrarily chooses individuals to be damned before they are born.

The Baptist Faith and Message, in simple accord with Scripture, states: "Election is the gracious purpose of God" which "is consistent with the free agency of man." Southern Baptists affirm diverse understandings of divine election (cf. Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:5-11), but most would likely reject the view of those Calvinists who narrowly define unconditional election as double predestination. E.Y. Mullins, Herschel Hobbs, and Adrian Rogers were the three pastor-theologians who served as chairmen of the committees which created or revised the Baptist Faith and Message in 1925, 1963, and 2000. All three of these founding Confessors held views contrary to classical Calvinism. Mullins objected to the errors of Calvinists, whose doctrines are based on a "false premise" about God's character, leading them to proceed "by a rigid logic to their false conclusions." Mullins concluded, "God elects men to respond freely." Hobbs decried the "error that election relates to certain individuals, with some destined to salvation and others to damnation." Rogers, a well-known opponent of "wine and cheese" theology, wrote a pamphlet aptly titled, *Predestined for Hell? Absolutely Not!*

Limited Atonement

Arminians correctly concluded that Christ "died for all men." They cited scriptures such as 1 John 2:2: He Himself (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world (emphasis added, cf. John 3:16). Some Calvinists have countered with the assertion that Christ died only for those who were chosen to salvation from eternity past. In this view, the atonement is limited to the elect.

The vast majority of Southern Baptists would disagree with those who claim that Christ's death on the cross was only intended for "the elect." Complying with the Scripture's silence in this regard, Southern Baptists did not use the word elect in the related portion of the Baptist Faith and Message, which simply states: "in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin."

Irresistible Grace

Early Arminians affirmed that God begins, continues, and finishes our salvation. However, because Stephen said that unbelieving Jews "resist the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7:51), Arminians concluded that men could resist God's grace. The Calvinists of Dort disagreed, saying that God's grace is ultimately irresistible, that divine election works unfailingly, and that the depraved and fallen human will is not exercised in conversion. When the converted human will is later exercised, it is only because God "powerfully bends" it. Avoiding this concept of irresistible grace, the Baptist Faith and Message states that salvation is a "change of heart wrought

by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,” and adds: “Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.”

Perseverance of the Saints

The Arminians equivocated with regard to the eternal security of believers. The Calvinists, however, concluded that God “preserves true believers” from apostasy. Based upon texts like John 10:28 — neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand — our Baptist confession states, “All true believers endure to the end” and “will never fall away.” Consequently, this may be the only doctrine from the Synod of Dort which the overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists support.

The Dort Debate and Baptists

The Synod of Dort condemned the Arminians. Early followers of Calvin also condemned many Baptist beliefs and perversely argued for the covenantal baptism of infants. Although Jacob Arminius tried to revise Calvinism’s extreme predestinarian doctrines, he also rejected Baptist beliefs. It could be successfully argued that the Calvinist-Arminian debate is, at root, a Presbyterian argument, not a Baptist one. Yet early English Baptists were also divided over the debate, with General Baptists identifying more with Arminians and Particular Baptists with Calvinists. These two streams eventually merged and flowed into Southern Baptist life. Consequently, there is a fair amount of diversity on the “doctrines of grace” among Southern Baptists.

Final Admonition

Today, few Southern Baptists would accept all five points of Calvinism’s original TULIP. In fact, the original points of TULIP have been largely redefined, redesigned, and repackaged by some Baptists. It is not unusual to hear the label “modified Calvinist” embraced by some within our Southern Baptist family. These would largely ignore the historical foundations and outright reject some of the original meanings associated with the five points. What is disturbing, however, is the recent tendency to grade one another on how a person lines up with a particular presentation of TULIP and make agreement a test of fellowship. As Dr. Paige Patterson rightly observed, “There’s plenty of room under the [Southern Baptist] umbrella for anyone who is anything from a one- to five-point Calvinist.”

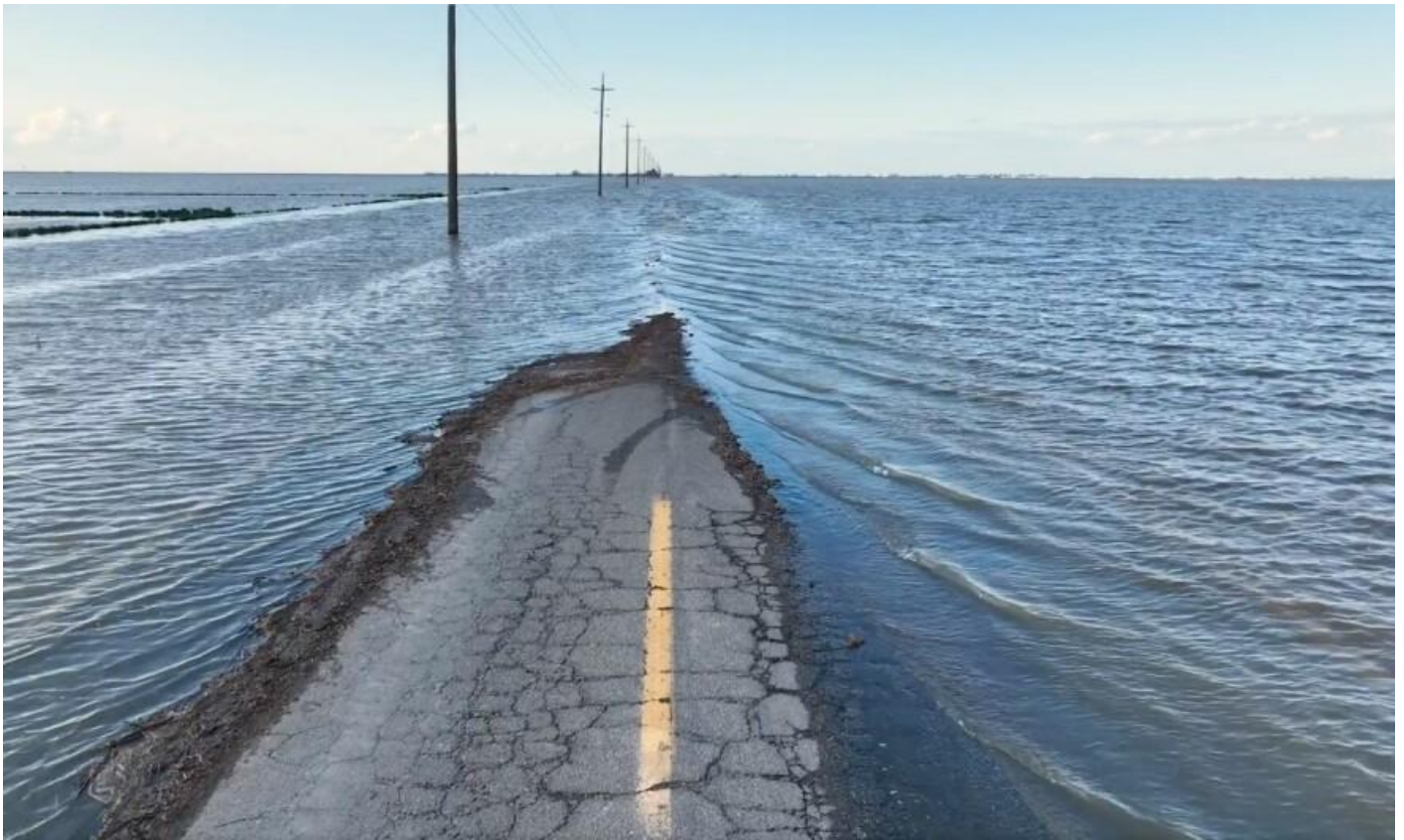
Finally, the greatest tragedy is when adherence to TULIP leads to division in churches and prevents them from cooperation in, and urgency for, a passion toward fulfilling the Great Commission. The greatest safeguard is for Southern Baptists to remain close to the heart of Jesus whose mission was “to seek and save those who are lost” (Luke 19:10) and to draw our doctrines from inerrant Scripture — not from a man-made system. Southern Baptists are first, last, and always followers of Jesus Christ, not John Calvin.



Flooding from Tulare Lake has encompassed streets, homes and farmland.



The lake has been dried up for 40 years.



California ramps up help as Tulare Lake floods farms, homes, roads

Jeremiah 50:25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation...

Amos 2:9 ¶ Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.