

Reformed Proof-Texts: Part 2

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REVIEW:

Calvin

Arminius: Point

Human Free Will:

Conditional Election:

Unlimited Atonement:

Resistible Grace:

Man Can Fall from Grace (by not persevering):

Reformed: Counter-Point

Total Depravity:

Unconditional Election:

Limited Atonement:

Irresistible Grace:

Perseverance of the Saints:

The Common Error:

Major Premise: Only those who persevere until death will be w/ God forever in heaven,

Minor Premise: Cannot know if he/she will persevere until death in faith & good works,

Conclusion: No one can know if he/she will be with God forever in heaven.

Why do they have a common error?

Point/counter-point arguments, rather than: 1. Reaching a contextual understanding of passages, 2. Agreeing where Arminius was right, 3. Disagreeing where he was wrong.

Illustrations of Misinterpretations in point/counter-point:

1 Peter 1:1-2: to what are they chosen?

Ephesians 2:1-10: How does Paul define *dead*?

2 Peter 1:5-11

How Reformed people misinterpret this passage

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond believing truth) virtue (to their lives) [1:5a]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond beyond virtue) knowledge (of God's truth) [1:5b]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond knowledge of God's truth) prudence [1:6a]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond prudence) perseverance [1:6b]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond perseverance) godliness [1:6c]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond godliness) brotherly-love [1:7a]

Believers need to be diligent to add (beyond brotherly-love) love [1:7b]

[The explanation (*For*) of why we should add all of these to our faith is] that abounding in these virtues will prevent our knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ from becoming unproductive (1:8)

[The explanation (*For*) of why Peter warns against our knowledge of Christ becoming unproductive is] that believers lacking these are blind, shortsighted, and forget their cleansing from former sins (1:9)

Blind about

Shortsighted about

Forgetting

[In light of the importance of not letting our knowledge of Christ stagnate into blindness, shortsightedness, and forgetfulness] believers should be especially diligent to make their call and election sure, because [making our call and election sure] will prevent stumbling (1:10)

Peter says call and election, not election and call

Matthew 20:

Matthew 22:

[In explanation (*For*) of the importance of making our call and election sure] doing so will result in an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1:10)

CONCLUSION: