

The Canons of Dort, Part II

"Christ's Death and Our Redemption"

Romans 8.29-31

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on November 4, 2018

Entering In:

Share if you have a story about the acronym, TULIP.

What is the most troublesome doctrine in TULIP for you?

1. Why do you think it is necessary to believe that God is *just* in order to study God's election?

What does the statement in Article 1, "... we cannot escape these punishments ..." indicate about who we are?

Who alone could satisfy God's justice? Why? (Art. 2)

Article 6 reiterates John 3:16 but adds the words "repent or believe." How does "repent" correlate with "believe"?

2. Explain how Jesus Christ is *your* Substitute using 2 Corinthians 5:21.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Did Christ's death make it possible for you to believe in Jesus? Why or why not?

3. Why do you think 'Limited Atonement' has been the most disputable matter in the TULIP acronym? Or, why are there many 4-point Calvinists who don't want to believe 'Limited Atonement'?

How might TUDIP, D → definite atonement, help clarify this doctrine?

Is the atoning death of Christ *sufficient* for all men?

Is it *efficacious* (effective) for all men?

How are these two ideas related?

How would you use this distinction to explain that 1 John 2:2 does *not* teach that Christ's atoning death made salvation possible for *all* men?

"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

4. Pastor used an illustration of a farmer and his 5 children who went astray in the sermon. Why do you think Arminius' attempt to call the children to return home to their father did not work?

If you picture yourself as one of the five children, share how you might have returned to the Father?

5. What actions do God and mankind perform in verses 29-30, respectively?

What attribute of God does this point to?

The immediate context of our Scripture is verse 28. For whom do all things work together for good?

How do the verses that follow (vv.29-30) explain God's *purpose*?

What is the fulfillment of God's plan? (Art. 9)

What plan of God do you see in your life?

6. How would you describe Paul's response to the God's actions? (v.31)

What is your response to God's actions?

7. What name was Joseph instructed to give Mary's son? (Matthew 1:21) Why?

Who will he save?

From what will he save them?

How is this consistent with the message of the angels to the shepherds? (Luke 2:14)

Living It Out:

Pray that you may have opportunity to share how you get confidence of your salvation to one or two people this week.