

COMPREHENSIVE  
*salvation*

# ELECTION VS FREE WILL

**“IF YOU ELECT THE SOCIALISTS,  
YOU LOSE ALL YOUR FREE WILL”**

**-DAN FARNHAM, JR**



**GOD'S CHOICE**  
**IN MY SALVATION SHOULD BRING**  
**COMFORT AND STRENGTH TO ME**  
**& GLORY TO HIM**





**FREE WILL**

## **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance

## **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

God our Savior... desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



**P R E D E S T I N A T I O N**

## **1 Peter 1:2**

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.



## **Ephesians 1:4**

Even before he made the world,  
God loved us and chose us in  
Christ to be holy and without fault  
in his eyes.





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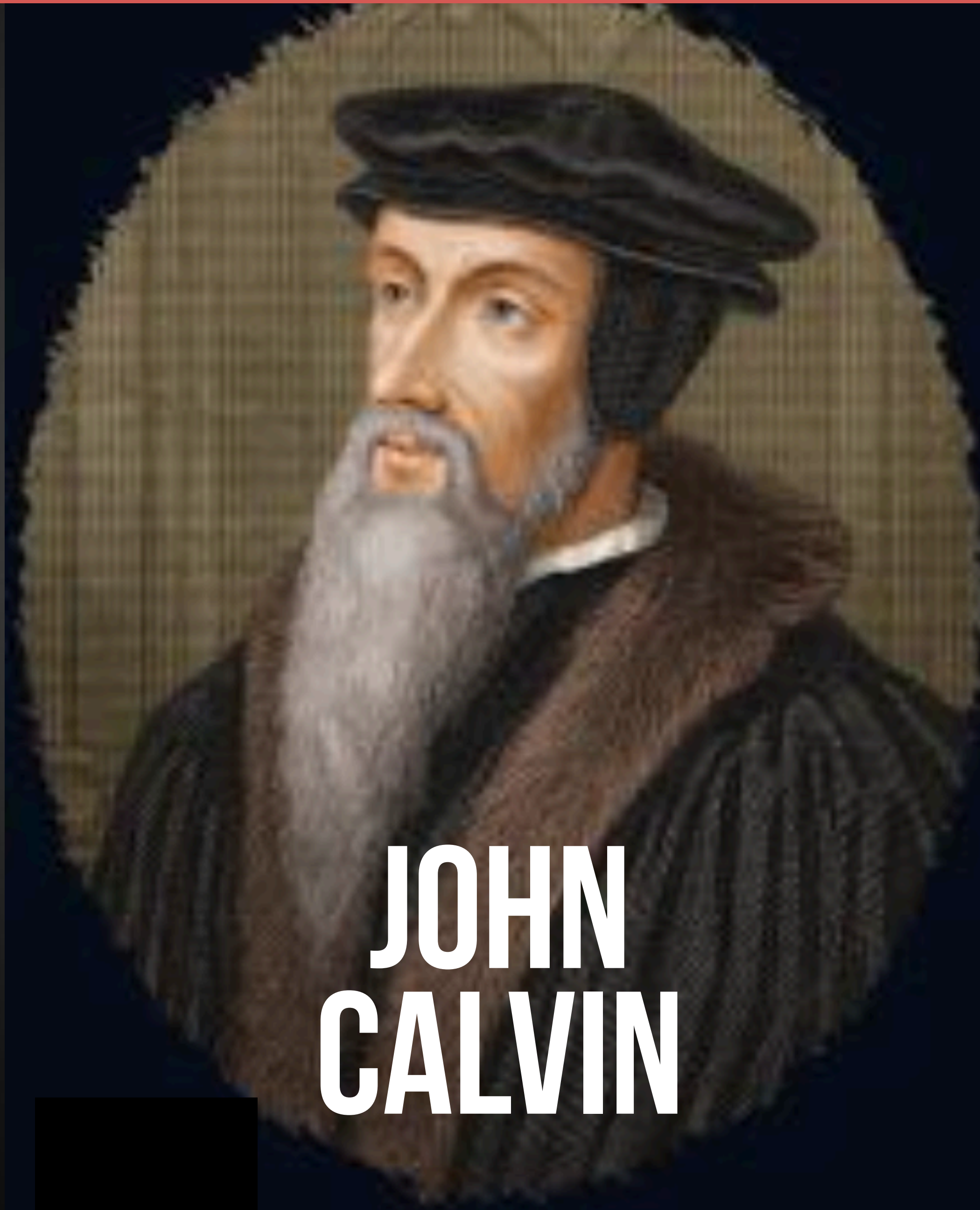
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**JOHN  
CALVIN**



**JACOB  
ARMINIUS**



First, then, when they inquire into predestination, let them remember that they are penetrating into the recesses of the divine wisdom, where he who rushes forward securely and confidently, instead of satisfying his curiosity will enter in inextricable labyrinth.

For it is not right that man should  
with impunity pry into things  
which the Lord has been pleased  
to conceal within himself, and scan  
that sublime eternal wisdom which  
it is his pleasure that we should not  
apprehend but adore, that therein  
also his perfections may appear.

Those secrets of his will, which he has seen it meet to manifest, are revealed in his word- revealed in so far as he knew to be conducive to our interest and welfare.

-John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*,  
Book 3, Chapter 21, Section 1





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## **Romans 8:28-30**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



## **Romans 8:28-30**

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

## **Romans 8:28-30**

And those whom he predestined  
he also called, and those whom he  
called he also justified, and those  
whom he justified he also  
glorified.



## **John 17:6**

I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me...



## **John 17:9-10**

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.



## **Romans 9:11-13**

though they were not yet born and  
had done nothing either good or  
bad—in order that God's purpose  
of election might continue, not  
because of works but because of  
him who calls

## **Romans 9:11-13**

She (Sarah) was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “*Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.*”





## **Ephesians 1:12**

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## **2Thessalonians 2:13**

But we ought always to give thanks  
to God for you, brothers beloved  
by the Lord, because God chose  
you as the firstfruits to be saved,  
through sanctification by the Spirit  
and  
belief in the truth.



## **1 Peter 1:1-2**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who are elect exiles of  
the Dispersion... according to the  
foreknowledge of God the  
Father...



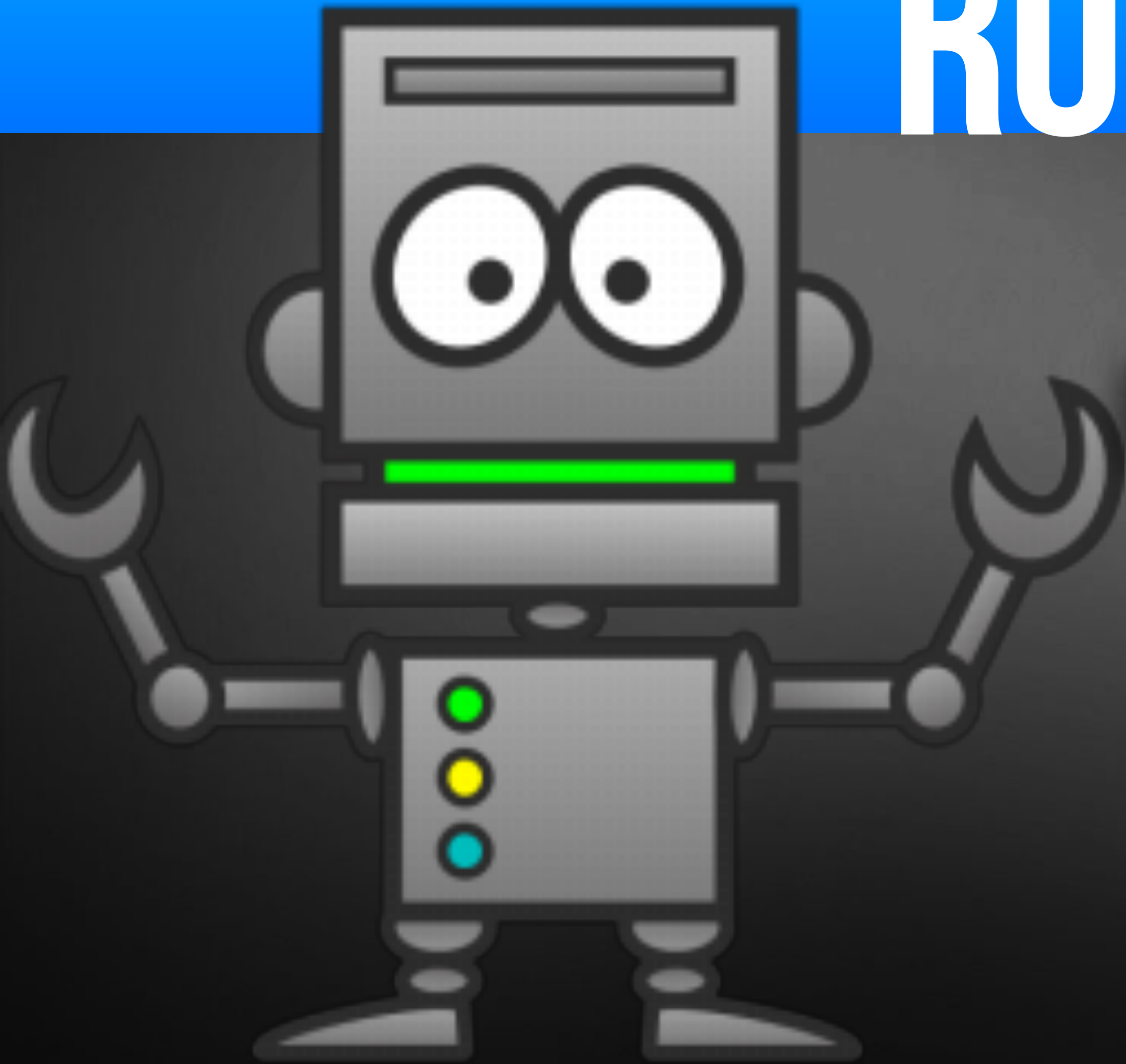


## **Revelation 13:7-8**

...all who dwell on earth will worship it, (the beast) everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.



DOESN'T THIS MAKE US  
**ROBOTS?**



GOD IS A **PERSONAL** GOD  
IN RELATIONSHIP WITH  
**PERSONAL CREATURES**

DOES THAT INVALIDATE  
**EVANGELISM?**

HOW WOULD **PAUL** ANSWER THAT?

# DOES THAT INVALIDATE EVANGELISM?

**Acts 18:9-10**

And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.”



## **Matthew 23:37**

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

## **Romans 10:14-15,17**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

**Romans 10:14-15,17**

So faith comes from hearing, and  
hearing through the word of  
Christ.



**WHO IS IN  
CHARGE?**



**WE ARE STUCK IN  
EITHER/OR  
GOD IS BIG ENOUGH FOR  
BOTH/AND**



# RESOURCES

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY** WAYNE GRUDEM

**TULIP** JOHN PIPER - [DESIRINGGOD.ORG](http://DESIRINGGOD.ORG)

**CHOSEN, BUT FREE** NORM GEISLER

**THE DIFFICULT DOCTRINE OF THE LOVE OF GOD**

**D.A. CARSON**