

# HOW TO DEAL WITH CALVINISTS

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Fool – Calvinist

Folly – false premise and resultant conclusions

4 – reject the false premise in favor of sound premises.

5 – apply the premise satirically or sarcastically to demonstrate how absurd it is. (illustrate absurdity by being absurd)

Fool – A person who acts unwisely, or imprudently. A silly person. A person who jumps to a conclusion before investigating a matter, and then runs their mouth about their prejudicial conclusion.

**Proverbs 18:13**

<sup>13</sup> He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Disputing Calvinism while mistakenly retaining its false premises is the same error Augustine made with Pelagius, and it's the same error Arminius made with Calvinism. It's a grave mistake that only sets the table for people to become Calvinists later.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Achieve mutual understanding
- Provoke thought
- Influence a third party (Pro. 23:9)
- Develop/test one's own faith/knowledge or hypotheses

## Scriptural Authority

Every Calvinist argument for their position or against the Bible believer is nothing more than clever word games designed to distract attention away from the fact that something other than scripture is the Calvinist's authority.

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**Proverbs 26:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

<sup>5</sup> Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

Proverbs 26:4-5

METHOD

If you are in a non-Calvinist Christian environment, Calvinism is spreading under cover to fellow believers who are Spiritually, Intellectually, or Informationally weak. These weaknesses constitute vulnerabilities. Calvinism is an exploitation of those vulnerabilities. Confronting this evil system is not optional.

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CONDITION OF OBJECT

← DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SCRIPTURE AND CREDENTIALS, CREEDS, TRADITIONS, VIRTUE SIGNALING, BOOGEYMAN AVOIDANCE →

This condition pertains to those who willingly participate in the spread of Calvinism in churches or denominations that are not professedly Calvinistic.

Proverbs 26:4-5 application examples:

- Synergism/Monergism false dichotomy
- Did Christ die to save people or to make them savable?
- "Sufficient but not efficient" argument for limited atonement.
- Colossians 2:14 and the handwriting of ordinances.

For these purposes, the term "Calvinist" is a person who subscribes to the 5 points of the TULIP, refers to them as "the doctrines of grace," and believes that predestination pertains to the conversion of the sinner rather than the adoption/glorification of the believer, as is clearly stated in scripture.

This applies to Calvinists who claim to have previously been "Arminian." Hearing them speak in terms of having been "Arminian," or addressing the issue as if it is Calvinism vs. Arminianism is a sure sign that they have doubled down on their ignorance of this matter and of the relevant scripture, and that they foolishly have no idea what they are talking about.

The kind of Calvinist that was raised Presbyterian may not have this conceit issue, but merely have an ignorance problem. In that case, there is a much higher propensity for the person to be honest, and they are as easy to deal with as Catholics, Jews, or Mormons.

## Perception of Intellectual Superiority Special Gnostic Insight

Having been raised in a non-Calvinist tradition, the Baptist Calvinist has special pride in having the intellectual or gnostic ability to "see" things in the text of scripture that others do not see, or that they are unwilling to accept. In other words, they have pride in their ability to read between the lines and see things that the text of scripture does not actually say. Pro. 26:12