

# Denominational Doctrines – Part 8

## Presbyterian Doctrines

### Introduction:

- A. John Calvin and John Knox
- B. Westminster Association 7/1/1643 - 2/22/1649
- C. Scotland's state religion.
- D. Notice 4 Doctrines.

### Discussion:

#### **I. Predestination<sup>1</sup>**

- A. Biblical predestination (Eph. 1:5-23)
- B. Salvation for all.
  - 1. John 3:16
  - 2. Matt. 28:18-20
  - 3. Mark 16:15-16
  - 4. 2 Pet. 3:9
- C. Election conditional.
  - 1. Predestinated called (Rom. 8:29-30).
  - 2. Called by gospel (2 Thess. 2:14).
  - 3. Can we election sure (2 Pet. 1:10)
- D. Consequences of doctrine
  - 1. Invitation useless (Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:17)
  - 2. Presbyterian and the judge.

#### **II. Hereditary Total Depravity.**

- A. Proof (?) texts.
  - 1. Psa. 51:5
  - 2. Rom. 3:10-23
  - 3. Ex. 20:5
- B. Sin acquired, not inherited
  - 1. Jas. 1:14-15
  - 2. Rom. 7:9

#### **III. Direct Operation of Holy Spirit in Conversion.**

- A. Necessary for Depravity and Predestination.
- B. Holy Spirit in New Testament conversions.
  - 1. Operated on preachers not sinners (Acts 2: 4,14,36-38; 8:29, 39)
  - 2. Operated through the word
    - a. Spirit's sword (Eph. 6:17)
    - b. Born (John 3:5 - 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Jas. 1:18)
    - c. Sanctified (2 Thess. 2:13 - John 17:17)

#### **IV. Presbyterian Government.**

- A. Elder (Presbyter) over many churches.
- B. Biblical Presbyters.
  - 1. Plurality over one church (Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)
  - 2. Paul's prophecy about elders (Acts 20:29, 30)

### Conclusion:

- A. Don't wait for Lord to call, obey him today.
- B. Lord's invitation is universal and open.

1. “God has predestinated and foreordained some men and angels out of His free grace and love without any foresight of faith or works in man or perseverance in any of them, and others are foreordained to everlasting death and the number of either is so certain and definite that it can not be increased or diminished. (Westminster Confession)