

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

## Satan Must Love Calvinism

The doctrine of Calvinism is named after John Calvin, and its main points are Summarized by the acronym "TULIP" – Total hereditary depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace, and Perseverance of the saints. Calvinists believe that every single event, whether it is good or bad, happens because God ordained it to happen. This doctrine is deadly, and it seems to permeate nearly every denomination in one form or another. I am sure that Satan must love Calvinism, because it confuses people about the nature of God, His Plan of salvation, and so many other critical spiritual issues. Please notice some specific reasons why I believe that Satan must love Calvinism:

- **Because it teaches that God causes people to be tempted, and makes them do evil things** – However, the Bible does not teach this! (James 1:13-16; 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that people are basically nothing more than robots, having no free will of their own** – The Bible does not teach this! (Deuteronomy 30:19; Joshua 24:15; Acts 2:40, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that innocent newborn babies have souls blackened with sin** – The Bible does not teach this! (2 Samuel 12:23; Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 18:3, 19:14, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that God will save certain people whom He chooses, without any conditions to be met on their part** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38, 40; 2 Corinthians 7:1; James 4:8; Jude 21, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that the Lord's invitation for salvation was only for individuals arbitrarily chosen by God to be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17).
- **Because it teaches that Jesus only died for individuals who were fortunate enough to be predestined for salvation by God** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:1, 2, etc.).

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Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

## VOLUME 33, NUMBER 6 February 11, 2007

### RECORDS 2/4/2007

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 65  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 90  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 68  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 55  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2375

### SERMONS 2/11/2007

AM: Matt Shelton  
"A Pearl of Great Price"  
PM: Jerry Manning  
"A Pearl of Great Price"

“Study to show thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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### **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson).
- **Melissa Parks** is in Virginia visiting her dad, **Jack Edwards**, whose prognosis with cancer, even with chemotherapy, isn't good.
- **Judy Walker** was having severe back pain, but managed to make it to our assembly last week.
- **Paul Dillard** is having severe pain in his right shoulder.
- **Ron and Margie Banks** are both still struggling with health problems at this time.
- **Anna Porter** is still not doing well and **Margaret Herring** isn't either.
- Remember **Susan Johnson**, Don Klieves' younger sister who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- **Shannon Lowe, Gene and Evalina's** daughter in law, requests prayers for an acquaintance of hers' baby who is having a heart transplant. Also **Keith Lowe's** mother in law, **Martha Cordova**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." - Acts 14:22**

### **“BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS” - 1 Tim 4:12**

- Last year, through many member's special contributions, we were able to pay off our auxiliary loan. We had set the goal of \$28,000 not really expecting to meet it. Oh we of little faith—we met and exceeded the goal by November of last year. In the Elder's meeting with the men of the church this Sunday afternoon, it was suggested we adopt a similar goal in reducing the mortgage on the church building, which is over \$300,000. The elders decided to set the goal at **\$30,000**. This will substantially reduce the mortgage and our interest payments. One family has already pledged \$5000 to help in this.

**“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1,2**

### **“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24**

- Pray for the **Bible Bowl teams** that are diligently studying the book of Acts.
- **Bible bowl practice** for all teams 7PM Fridays, 5PM Sundays, 5PM Saturday and other times to be announced, at the building. We have 2 machines, 1900 questions and not much time to finish preparing.
- **Work Team D** will be the active Team starting Sunday 2/11/2007. They'll be meeting at **Ray and Holly Wilson's** home Sunday afternoon.
- **Work Team C**, remember to get your assignment cards in THE BOX!

**“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” - Hebrews 3:5,6**

### **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- A **youth lock-in** with the **Thompson church of Christ** youth group is scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 9**. They will be staying in a hotel Saturday night (provided by the Thompson congregation), door knocking in the area Saturday and worshipping with us Sunday A.M. Their evangelist **Matt Shelton** will preach Sunday AM and Jerry will preach at their congregation that morning. The Thompson congregation is about an hour and a half away, just over the border in Georgia.
- **LONELY HEARTS CLUB** meeting at **Jan Kelleher's** home, **February 14**, 1 PM. All the widows and divorcees in the congregation are invited for lunch and a good edifying time of Christian fellowship. Please let **Jan** know if you can go.
- Great Smoky Mountain **Marriage Retreat**, February 21-24 (Wed-Sat) in Sevierville TN which is this side of Knoxville. Featuring **Keith Mosher**, instructor at MSOP and Jason Jackson, youngest son of Wayne Jackson. Retreat is free, but you have to provide your own accommodations. **Jerry Manning** knows Keith Mosher well and highly recommends this. He and Lynn plan on going.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday **March 10** 9AM-3PM at Charlotte Ave Church of Christ in Rock Hill. **David Pharr, James Meadows** and others will speak at this 9th annual meeting. If you're interested in going see **Don Klieves**.
- Remember sister **Anne Louise Gordon** in LCDC in your prayers.

**"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."- Matthew 24:13**

### **Satan Must Love Calvinism (continued from page 1)**

- **Because it teaches that God is a capricious respecter of persons when it comes to salvation, not desiring that all men be saved** – The Bible does not teach this! (John 3:16; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Peter 3:9, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that if God chooses one for salvation, God cannot be resisted** – The Bible does not teach this! (Luke 7:30; John 12:42, 43; Acts 7:51, 13:46, etc.).
- **Because it attempts to denigrate the power of the Word and the need for spreading the Gospel** – Why labor to spread the Gospel when God will supposedly draw men to Him by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit? The Bible does not teach this! (John 6:45; Mark 16:15, 16; Matthew 28:19, 20; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16, 10:17, etc.).
- **Because it leads "the elect" to believe that there is no need for them to study the Word of God** – The Bible does not teach this! (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16, 17, etc.).
- **Because it teaches that once a person is saved, there is no possibility of falling from grace** – The Bible does not teach this! (Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 3:6, 4:11, 6:4-6, 10:25-31, 10:35-39, 12:15, 12:25; 2 Peter 2:20-22; etc.).

**- Jason Hilburn, Minister, Luverne Church of Christ, Alabama**