

Calvinism and Arminianism cannot be reconciled because of the following irreconcilable differences between them:

1. Depravity is either total, leaving man's will in bondage to sin and therefore unable to believe on Christ (Calvinism) or partial, leaving man's will free to accept or reject Christ with the help of grace (Arminianism).
2. Election is either conditional on man repenting and believing (Arminianism) or unconditional, God purposing that the elect would repent and believe (Calvinism).
3. Atonement is either universal, designed to save every individual (Arminianism) or limited, intended to save only some in particular (Calvinism).
4. Saving grace is either resistible, because of man's free will (Arminianism) or irresistible, because God makes His people willing in the day of His power (Calvinism).
5. The saints either persevere to the end, in dependence on God's keeping grace (Calvinism) or they fail to persevere, and may finally and irretrievably fall from grace (Arminianism).

These differences are not just matters of emphasis. They represent two opposing systems of belief. [Arminianism is the doctrine held by the apostate church of Rome, Wesleyan Methodists and most present-day Anglicans and Non-conformists. Calvinism is professed by many Presbyterian, Independent, Baptist and some Anglican churches. Ed.] The Five Points of Calvinism, being thoroughly Scriptural, need to be proclaimed boldly and vigorously.

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