

CALVINISM Statement  
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Calvinism in a nutshell ... could be described as God the Father unconditionally choosing certain individuals for salvation; He did this in eternity, before the foundation of the world.

Jesus the Son of God died for them only, the elect.

He did not die for the non-elect or all sinners -- for His electing love (sovereign grace) is focused only on His chosen ones.

The elect receive the secret or effectual call to salvation. God in eternity chose to "pass over" the non-elect or the reprobates

God the Holy Spirit works to make Christ's death effective by bringing the elect (only those chosen before creation) to Christ, thereby, causing them (drawing or dragging them) to obey the gospel.

He first regenerates the hearts of the elect in order for them to believe, as they are given the gift of faith. Sinners are seen as being dead as a corpse (unresponsive to God), therefore, God is seen as having to bring about the new birth in order for the person to then believe.

This entire process of (predestination, election, regeneration, salvation) is the work of God determining who will be the recipients of his salvation or ensuring salvation for those he chose before the foundation of the world.

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