

FREE-WILL OR TOTAL DEP0RAVITY?

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One of the most important questions in the realm of Christian faith has to do with the source of sinners. One camp sees sinners as born (this is incorrect). The other (correct) view is that human beings chose to sin.

The incorrect view roots not in the Bible but in the theological work of men like Augustine, Calvin and Luther. The latter two men were lynchpins of the Protestant Reformation. The dominant theological tradition that came from the Reformation is known as Calvinism, named for its most systematic proponent, John Calvin.

Calvinism of the purest type is rarely found these days. We have a little acronym that helps us understand it and thus the forms of it that are still present in the theological world. The acronym is the word TULIP.