

## Theology At A Glance: Calvinism Vs. Arminianism

Issue	Calvinism	Arminianism
<b>Original Sin</b>	total depravity and guilt are inherited from Adam	only weakness is inherited from Adam
<b>Human Will</b>	born in bondage to sin	free to do spiritual good
<b>Grace of God</b>	common grace is given to all; saving grace is given to the elect	enabling grace is given to all; saving grace is given to those who believe
<b>Predestination</b>	rooted in God's eternal decree	rooted in God's foreknowledge
<b>Regeneration</b>	monergistic (unilateral)	synergistic (cooperative)
<b>Atonement</b>	Christ's death is a substitutionary penal sacrifice (clears our debt)	Christ's death is a sacrifice that God benevolently accepted in place of a penalty
<b>Extent of the Atonement</b>	intended only for the elect	intended for all
<b>Application of the Atonement</b>	by the power of the Holy Spirit according to the will of God	by the power of the Holy Spirit in response to the will of the sinner
<b>Order of Salvation</b>	election, predestination, union with Christ, calling, regeneration, faith, repentance, justification, sanctification, glorification	calling, faith, repentance, regeneration, justification, perseverance, glorification
<b>Perseverance (<i>Eternal Security</i>)</b>	all of the elect will persevere by God's grace alone <sup>1</sup>	perseverance is dependent upon our actual obedience <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This does not mean we may continue in sin, but that everything necessary for our salvation was done by Christ. We are saved through faith alone, but not by a faith which is alone – every true believer strives to put away sin.

<sup>2</sup> Very few Arminians profess a doctrine of works. The actual question here is whether we may reasonably choose to reject Christ once we are saved? The Arminian says yes (free will); the Calvinist says no (God's sovereignty).