

Why I Don't Like Spurgeon by John Fortune

*"The doctrines of original sin, election, effectual calling, final perseverance, and all those great truths which are called Calvinism—though Calvin was not the author of them, but simply an able writer and preacher upon the subject—are, I believe, the essential doctrines of the Gospel that is in Jesus Christ. Now, I do not ask you whether you believe all this—it is possible you may not; but I believe you will before you enter heaven. I am persuaded, that as God may have washed your hearts, he will **wash your brains** before you enter heaven."* CH Spurgeon

Let's take a closer look at what this "prince of preachers" is saying. By "original sin," the Calvinist means that every human being is born with a total inability to accept the gospel. In other words, God made you an offer that you cannot, of your own will, accept. What an evil prankster—this "god" of Calvin!

To the Calvinist, "Election" and "Effectual Calling" mean that only those who are sovereignly elected by God can be born again to eternal life. The implication is that most of humanity will spend eternity in a lake of fire because God created them to do so. The Calvinists teach that God does this in order to glorify Himself! It looks like Calvin's "god" has an enormous mean streak as well! Is it any wonder Calvin so enjoyed burning people at the stake? The Bible clearly states that God wishes that none should perish and that all would be saved (*Genesis 4:6-7; Isaiah 45:22; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Revelation 22:17*).

"Final perseverance," is what really keeps the Calvinist up at night. If he is "truly elect"—and that is a condition the Calvinist can never be sure of—he will persevere in the faith until the end. The Bible clearly warns that apostasy, which is a falling away from the true faith, is a very real danger for all believers (*Jeremiah 2:19; Mark 4:16-17; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 6:4-6*).

The only "great truth" in the above statement is that John Calvin is not the author of Calvinism. Augustine, the heretic from Hippo, is the true author of Calvinism. Augustine is responsible for both Calvinism and Catholicism! Reformed Theology is nothing more than "Catholic lite" and it is not the true *Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

Spurgeon's quote is typical of the arrogant and mean-spirited nature of most Calvinists. However, I do appreciate Spurgeon's pointing out that, in order to believe Calvinism, one must be **brainwashed**. Unfortunately, for Augustine, Calvin, Spurgeon and all who blindly follow them, the *brainwashing* comes from the "god of this world" and has nothing to do with the God of Heaven.