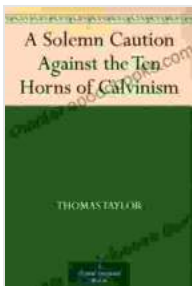


# Solemn Caution Against The Ten Horns Of Calvinism

Calvinism, a system of theology attributed to John Calvin, has been a subject of heated debate among Christians for centuries. While it has some adherents who believe it to be a faithful representation of the Gospel, many others have raised serious concerns about its implications. In this article, we will explore the "ten horns" of Calvinism, as identified by its critics, and provide a solemn caution against their harmful effects.



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## The "Ten Horns" of Calvinism

1. **Total Depravity:** The belief that humans are utterly corrupt and incapable of doing good apart from God's grace.
2. **Unconditional Election:** The idea that God has chosen some people to salvation before the foundation of the world, regardless of their

merits.

3. **Limited Atonement:** The doctrine that Christ's death only atoned for the sins of the elect.
4. **Irresistible Grace:** The belief that God's grace cannot be resisted, and those whom He calls will inevitably come to salvation.
5. **Perseverance of the Saints:** The teaching that those who are truly saved cannot ultimately fall away from faith.
6. **Supralapsarianism:** The view that God's decree to elect some to salvation came before His decision to create the world.
7. **Infant Damnation:** The assertion that unbaptized infants who die in infancy are condemned to hell.
8. **Extra-Ecclesial Election:** The doctrine that it is possible for people to be saved outside the visible church.
9. **Antinomianism:** The teaching that since salvation is solely by grace, believers are free to live as they please.
10. **Double Predestination:** The belief that God has not only predestined some to salvation, but also some to damnation.

## **The Dangers of Calvinism**

While Calvinism may offer some comfort to its adherents, it presents several significant dangers that every Christian should be aware of:

- **It undermines human responsibility:** By claiming that humans are totally depraved and incapable of good apart from God's grace, Calvinism removes the sense of personal responsibility for sin.

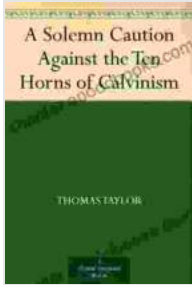
- **It encourages spiritual passivity:** The doctrine of irresistible grace can lead to a sense of apathy among believers, who may feel that their efforts to live a godly life are ultimately futile.
- **It creates an elitist mindset:** The belief in unconditional election can foster a sense of superiority among those who believe themselves to be among the elect, while condemning others to eternal damnation.
- **It contradicts Scripture:** Many of the tenets of Calvinism, such as infant damnation and double predestination, stand in contradiction to the clear teachings of the Bible.

## **A Solemn Caution**

In light of the dangers posed by Calvinism, it is imperative for Christians to exercise caution and discern its teachings carefully. While some aspects of Calvinism may be appealing, it is important to remember that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a message of hope and redemption for all who believe. It offers salvation freely to all, regardless of their background or status, and it empowers believers to live holy and transformed lives.

Therefore, we solemnly caution against the acceptance of Calvinism and its "ten horns." Instead, let us cling to the truths of the Gospel and proclaim the message of salvation to all who are lost.

The "ten horns" of Calvinism are a serious threat to the health and vitality of the Christian faith. By undermining human responsibility, encouraging spiritual passivity, creating an elitist mindset, and contradicting Scripture, Calvinism leads people astray from the true Gospel. Let us be bold in rejecting its errors and proclaim the hope and salvation that is found in Jesus Christ alone.



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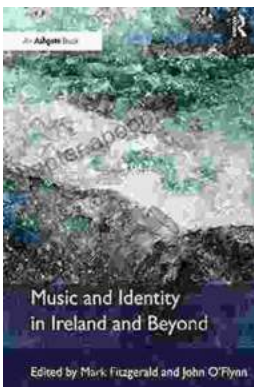
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