

An Inconceivable Thought

The Calvinists love to accuse others of taking verses out of context anytime a verse is quoted or explained that demonstrates their doctrine to be not Scriptural. Moreover, they love to quote the following verse as “*proof*” that God is sovereign, and foreordained everything:

. . . In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: . . . (*Ephesians 1:11*)

Notice the leading and trailing periods? They are there for a very good reason – Ephesians 1:11 is only a part of a complex sentence. How interesting? Accusing others of taking Scripture out of context, and then violently pulling a phrase out of a sentence, just to “*prove*” their point.

The problem is not that I and others who are not Calvinist/Reformed don't believe that God is sovereign. Rather, where we disagree with Calvinists centers around ***how that sovereignty is defined and executed***. Additionally, I agree that the LORD God does His will and no one will change that, and He works everything after His own counsel.

Where I so strongly disagree is in what “***the will of God is.***” You see, verse 11 cited above only tells us that God does according to His will. It simply does not tell us what that will is.

Here then is an inconceivable thought for Calvinists:

What if it was and still is, the will of God that man, the pinnacle of the creatures made by Him, be allowed to exercise free choice?

What if it is the express will of the LORD God that man, once

granted faith and repentance, is allowed to freely choose the path he will follow – either accepting Christ, and subsequently being born again; or rejecting Christ and remaining dead in sins and trespasses?

Why is this so inconceivable to Calvinists?