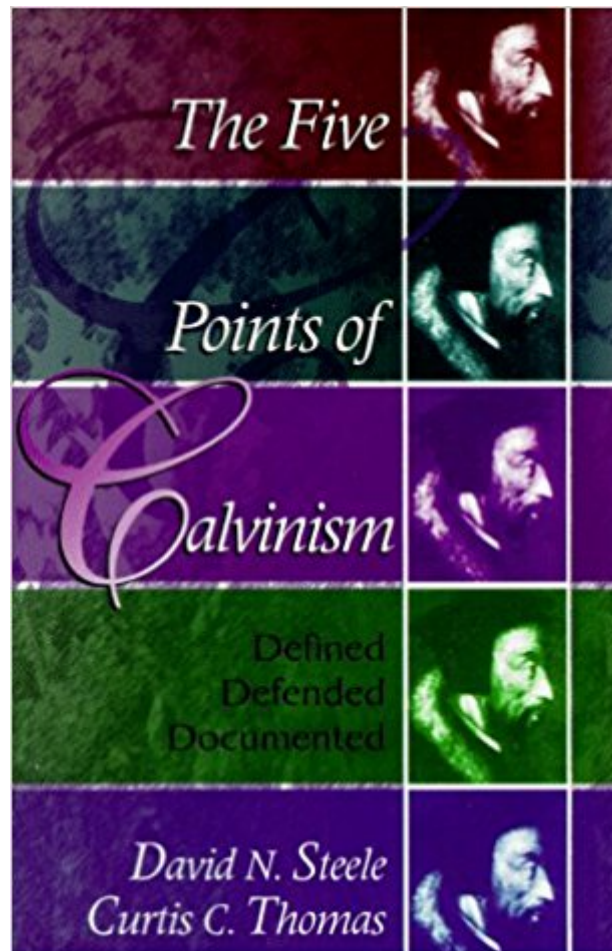




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Though now over forty years old, this book remains a perfect starting point for an introduction to Calvinism. Though hardly an indepth study, authors David Steele and Curtis Thomas present exactly what the title states; THE FIVE POINTS OF CALVINISM: DEFINED, DEFENDED, DOCUMENTED. It's as simple as that. One could fill a sizable library on the various treatises defining, defending and documenting Calvinism, but for a brief and concise examination, this is the perfect starting point. Calvinism is hardly limited to five points, but is often referred as Five Point Calvinism as a result of the comparison to the five points of Arminianism at the Synod of Dort. The book is broken into three parts. Part One gives a side by side comparison of the Five Points of Arminianism in contrast to the Five Points of Calvinism, as well as a brief history of each system of thought. Part Two presents Biblical Support of the Five Points of Calvinism. Here the authors present depravity, election, atonement, efficacious grace and perseverance and each point is clearly defended with scripture. This is hardly an exhaustive Biblical study, but there is enough irrefutable evidence presented to definitively support the case for Calvinism. Up to this point, the book has introduced and supported the subject on a basic and easily discernable level, making this volume

an incomparable introduction, but Part Three extends that introduction into the realm of further study. Here the authors examine previous caseworks on the study of Calvinism, which will guide the reader to verify the claims of Calvinism. The books outlined are somewhat dated, but nonetheless critical to a more seminal understanding of the subject. This all sounds like an incredible amount of work for a tiny booklet of only ninety-five pages, and it is, but this book doesn't stop there. In fact, I believe some of the most illuminating writing is to be found in the Appendix where the authors delve into an exegesis of the meaning of "foreknew" as found in Romans 8:29. The work here presents perhaps, the most substantial argument in support of Calvinism. In summary, if you are seeking a basic introduction to Calvinism, for whatever reason, I believe this is one of the finest sources available. Not the most definitive by any means, but for a brief concise narrative that will shock you with how much information is to be gleaned from such a small volume, do not pass on this book. Pastor Monty Rainey

Great book

Fantastic book. Out of print and hard to find the thinner version. The new version is too lengthy.

Excellent value, perfect used condition.

I admit it: I'm a die-hard Arminian who is convinced that the individual believer makes the ultimate choice for or against God! Now, given that: this book is an EXCELLENT primer in the basics of Calvinism -- and even more so for the Arminian who wants to understand the concepts and theology behind predestination of the Elect. I may not agree with the ideas of the total depravity of mankind, the predestination of the elect, etc. -- but this book does an excellent job of presenting these concepts in a clear and non-judgmental way!

As a two-point Calvinist (Total Depravity and Preservation of the Saints) I found this book to be an excellent source for pin pointing predestination theology. The authors give a fair assesment of what Arminians believe. They also define each of the five points of Calvinism two ways positively (explaining what Calvinists believe about the doctrine) and negatively (explaining how it is not Arminianism) and conclude each section with an extensive biblical citations. What the book does not do, however, is reconcile those passages in Scripture that causes problems for Calvinism such as Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to every man." or Heb. 2:9

"that he [Christ] should taste death for every man."

This book explains well the correct soteriological system of God's sovereign grace in the scriptures. A must read for every one who believes upon the One True God, Jesus Christ.

Love this book! It explains Calvinism well and also defends it well. easy to understand!

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