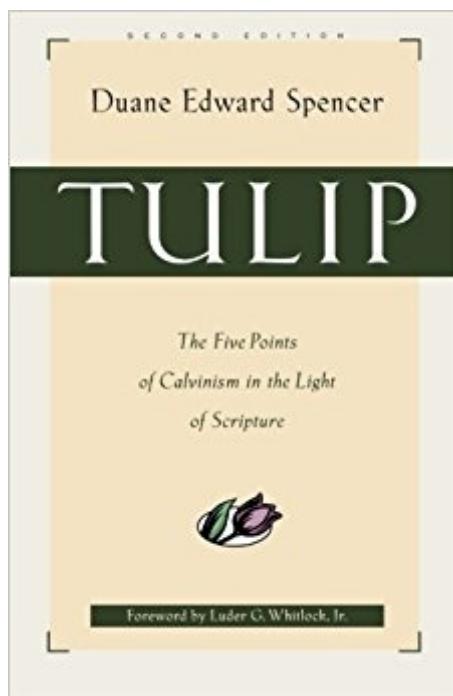


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# Tulip: The Five Points Of Calvinism In The Light Of Scripture



## **Synopsis**

Tulip is a popular acronym for the five points of Calvinism total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance of the saints. In this book, these five points are not only concisely explained in the light of the Bible but are also helpfully contrasted to the corresponding five points of Arminianism. The differences between Calvinistic and Arminian beliefs are also summarized at the end of the book for quick reference. Anyone looking for an accessible explanation of this somewhat difficult and controversial doctrine, or looking for help in explaining it to others, will find this an invaluable resource. Tulip has had steady sales since its original Baker publication in 1979, and there is now nearly 55,000 copies in print.

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## **Customer Reviews**

TULIP is a popular acronym for the five points of Calvinism-total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance of the saints. In this classic book, these five points are concisely explained in the light of the Bible. They are also helpfully contrasted with the corresponding five points of Arminianism, which originally prompted the Calvinistic five-point statement at Dort. Formerly of Arminian persuasion, Duane Edward Spencer shares insights he gained while searching the Scriptures to "see if these things be so." He supplies snippets of church history and selections from the Westminster Confession of Faith (1648) to complement his succinct explanations of the five points. The basic beliefs of both Arminians and Calvinists, along with the Scriptures used by each to support its views, are summarized at the end of the book for quick and

easy reference. Duane Edward Spencer was the pastor of the Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas.

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The good thing this book does is come up with a lot of verses proving Calvinism. The bad thing is that the author does almost no exegesis on the verses and makes a lot of arguments that are not well thought out and will not convince an Armenian of anything. He is also very arrogant in the way he presents his arguments, which does not help the Calvinist case since it only affirms the stereotype that Calvinists are arrogant and think anyone who is Armenian is a complete heretic. I do agree with him about TULIP being biblical, but he doesn't present it in a loving way to our Armenian brothers and sisters (yes, I believe many of them are elect even if they don't believe in election). Finally, some of his viewpoints are not Calvinist but rather hyper-Calvinist. In his section on "Limited Atonement" he presents the argument that God doesn't love all people. I agree that he loves the elect more or differently than the non elect but his argument ignores verses such as (1 Tim 2:4; Ezekiel 18:23,32; Matthew 23:37) and makes a poor argument against 2 Peter 3:9. John Piper makes a much more compelling argument in his book "Does God Desire All to Be Saved?" In conclusion, though this book presents a lot of biblical evidence for Calvinism, it presents the verses more or less as is without providing good exegesis and fails to make good arguments for Calvinism using verses Armenians use to defend their views.

Spencer did a wonderful job explaining the doctrines of grace in light of scripture. As a busy wife and mom to 4 little ones, I appreciate how he didn't draw things out, but got straight to the point (or 5 points... He he). I read cover to cover in a Sunday afternoon. His style of writing flowed well and easily kept my attention from start to finish. I highly recommend this book.

Excellent guide on the issues

This booklet is an excellent overview to make the reader aware of the basics of "The Five Points of Calvinism". It would be perfect to give as a gift to your Arminian friends to explain the Calvinistic stand. Interestingly, this little booklet's strength is also its weakness. At only 96 pages, one wishes that it would go deeper into each of the five points, but it only skims the surface, as it was intended

to do. So, the book fulfills the purpose for which it was written. I would recommend this book for anyone who wants a "Cliff Notes" version of the Five Points of Calvinism. A good, quick read on the subject.

I wanted a primer on the subject, and this is one. It is basic but informative; it is not a systematic theology.

Wonderful book.. I recommend it to any true believer...

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Excellent compatison

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