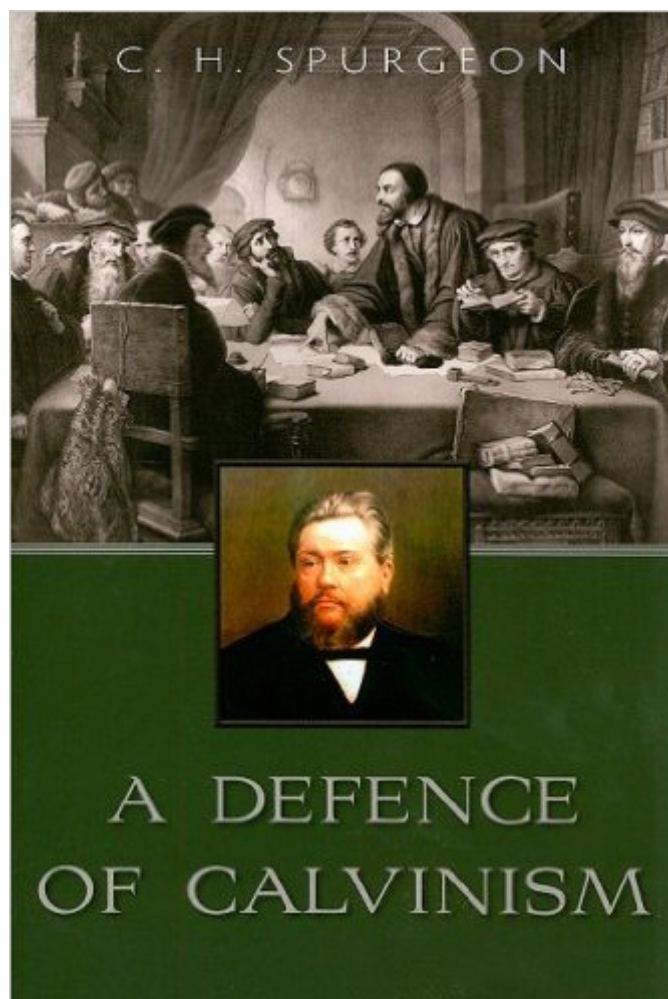


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A Defence Of Calvinism



Synopsis

It is a great thing to begin the Christian life by believing solid doctrine. When people are always shifting their doctrinal principles, they are not likely to bring forth much fruit to the glory of God. It is good for young believers to begin with a firm hold upon those fundamental doctrines which the Lord taught in his Word.

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Customer Reviews

First I must say that I am an avid fan of Spurgeon, having read "Lectures to my Students" and "Morning and Evening" many time through. As a 4 point Calvinist myself I snatched this booklet up due to its reasonable price and relevant subject matter from one of my favorite preachers. Know that this is indeed a "booklet". I read the whole thing in around an hour or so. Also, it is not technically an independent book but a collection of writings from Spurgeon's autobiography, so the "defense" is more of Spurgeon's reflections on his love for the doctrines of grace. So think of it more of a testimony than an attempt to change minds or defend a system. That being said this is a fine booklet and a great resource for those who are curious about Calvinism or Spurgeon himself. Spurgeon is well known for his honest simplicity and he brings that blessing to this difficult subject matter in an excellent way. Definitely recommended!

This is a decent little pamphlet. I love Spurgeon and I was looking for a systematic defense of Calvinism. This is a book of quotes from the preaching of Spurgeon. I was disappointed by the

randomness of this book but it did help me with a class by giving me a couple quotes. If you are looking for a defense of Calvinism which goes through each point, look elsewhere, I liked "What's So Great About the Doctrines of Grace?" This is a good book of sermon excerpts from the Prince of Preachers but not really a solid defense of the doctrine.

This is a pamphlet, so it's not fully in depth, but with many Baptists claiming that Spurgeon was NOT a Calvinist, this puts that myth to rest. A brief but cogent defense of Reformed Theology.

'A Defense of Calvinism' is a brief tract written by the preeminent Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), long considered to be the Prince of Preachers. Although many Christians today recognize Charles Spurgeon as one of the most able preachers, and certainly among the most quotable pastors of all time, and certainly the last 200 years, most do not realize that he was also an ardent Calvinist. Although Spurgeon rarely mentions John Calvin by name, and quotes him rarer still, this tract was meant to show his own unequivocal alignment with traditional Reformed Theology ("Calvinism") as against the Arminianism and Hyper-Calvinistic trends of his own day. In this brief work, Spurgeon defends the doctrines of total depravity, election, limited atonement, and perseverance on Biblical and logical grounds. Here, he explains that the doctrine of the Reformers (and Calvin in particular) is nothing other than the Biblical theology of Jesus, Paul, and the Apostles. At the end of this tract, Spurgeon explains how the sovereignty of God in election does not in any way stand in opposition to the doctrine of human responsibility, and does not preclude man as a moral agent, responsible for his own sin. This short work will not likely take the reader any more time than half an hour, and will greatly enhance his understanding of Spurgeon's theological foundations as well as that of Calvinism. Matthew Everhard is the Senior Pastor of Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brooksville, Florida.

I have come to love Spurgeon and all that he penned or spoke. Though this would more rightly be called a pamphlet than a book it was nonetheless a worthy read. As I explore the roots of my faith I clearly see God's hand in the raising of men dedicated to the truth and empowered as only He can empower. After Luther and Calvin there is no one better to make the case for Calvinism than Spurgeon. For anyone curious about the doctrines that are part and parcel Calvinism this little pamphlet will do the job. It is further perfected by the loving hand Spurgeon applied to the writing. His reverence and love of holy scripture resonates with every word. Spurgeon had a knack for brevity and so it is with A Defence of Calvinism. Not a word to spare and nary one wasted. A

Defence of Calvinism leaves the Arminians and the semi-Pelagians no place to hide. Spurgeon makes his case and does so from scripture (is there any other way?). Still believe that man has a hand in his salvation? Bet you won't after you read A Defence of Calvinism. As sad as it is to say I have begun to wonder if Spurgeon wasn't the last of the theological titans the world will be blessed with. If there is a near second it would have to be R.C. Sproul in my humble opinion. This "five point" Calvinist highly recommends A Defence of Calvinism.

A thorough and masterful defense of Calvinism--which means, of course, it is actually a defense of God's right to be God--sovereign, immutable, gracious, and righteous. In a marvelous economy of words, Spurgeon demonstrates what true Biblical Calvinism really is (in opposition to the warped caricatures of its slanderers), and how genuinely Scriptural it really is. One can never (or should never) come away from the study of this subject without a greater appreciation of the majesty and glory of almighty God, and the consequent humility and unworthiness of human beings, and therefore the absolute magnificence of His gracious Gospel. Spurgeon keeps everything in the proper perspective and balance--this little booklet is highly recommended, and though it will whet your appetite for much more extensive reading on the subject, it will also be a wonderful little reminder of the basics of this doctrine, to which you will resort again and again, like spending occasional time with a dear old friend.

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