

OLD SCHOOL BAPTIST HOUR BROADCAST

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Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, presents: “The Old School Baptist Hour”, with Pastor Fred Phelps.

This is Fred Phelps. Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka is an Old School or Primitive Baptist Church. It has existed in Topeka for thirty-two years, maintaining and defending pure Gospel truth, contending earnestly for the only faith; the only body of divinely revealed truth, the only system of doctrines ever delivered from heaven to the sons of men. “Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” Acts 20:26-27.

“All the counsel of God” is an expression which is the exact equivalent of the Gospel; and there is only one. For four hundred years now, “all the counsel of God” has been commonly referred to by mankind generally as The Five

Points of Calvinism. If you do not know The Five Points of Calvinism you do not know the Gospel, but you only know some perversion of it. Old School Baptists, alone, are “not as the many which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.” 2 Corinthians 2:17. Any preacher who declares that God loves everybody, that Christ died for everybody, and that it is your free will to accept or reject Christ that makes the difference; is preaching a perverted notion of his own imagination and is corrupting the word of God.

“For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.” 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. That is, when the truth is preached it is a savour of life to some and the savour of death to the rest; the Gospel is good news to some and very bad news to the rest. When Old School Baptists preach The Five Points of Calvinism; such preaching constitutes the savour—that is, the smell and taste, in a metaphor—of salvation to the sheep, the elect; and the same preaching constitutes the savour—that is, the smell and taste, in a metaphor—of damnation to the goats, the non-elect.

Listen: “And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.” Philippians 1:28. That is, when the truth is preached the overwhelming mass of mankind hate it and become implacable adversaries to those who preach it and contend for it in the earth. The preaching of the truth constitutes torment to earthlings: “because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.” Revelation 11:10. But God’s elect, alive at any time in the earth, and maintaining and defending pure Gospel truth in the face of those among whom they dwell, are in nothing terrified by their adversaries; and the very fact that they are not terrified but continue to boldly preach the truth in the face of all manner of persecution and rejection constitutes a divinely appointed sign or token, called “an evident token,” that the opponents of the truth are indeed

reprobate and damned of God, and the proponents of the truth are indeed the elect and saved of God. That is the message of Philippians 1:28.

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Philippians 1:28. Because of their faithful adherence to The Five Points of Calvinism and their persistent insistence upon these doctrines while they live among the doomed sons of Adam yet alive in the earth, the elect are called “Antipas”; which name means, a man against every man. “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.”

Revelation 2:13.

“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.” Philippians 1:29-30. The elect, while they live in the earth under the present evil world system, and according to this and other passages of Scripture, have two divinely imparted gifts: unto you it is given to believe on him, and to you it is given to suffer for his sake. The elect, all without exception, share the gift of Moses: “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.” Hebrews 11:25-26.

Listen: “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” Galatians 1:8-9. The word translated there “accursed,” two times, means: damned in hell forever. It is a very strong word. The message of Galatians 1:8-9 is this: that if any preach any other Gospel than the doctrines contained in The Five Points of

Calvinism, let that person be damned in hell forever. It is simply not possible, my friend, to make that point any stronger than the Almighty God made it in Galatians 1:8-9. It is therefore a very serious matter to preach lies and call it preaching the Gospel.

“Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness;” —their simplistic lies, their silly, trivial notions of God—“yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.” Jeremiah 24:31-32.

Moreover, we read, “If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine,” —that is, The Five Points of Calvinism, the Doctrine of Salvation by free grace alone, that the purpose of God according to election might stand— ‘receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” 2 John 10,11.

There is no true message of God in the earth aside from the doctrinal system commonly called “The Five Points of Calvinism”; all other religious messages and doctrinal systems are nothing but false, superstitious lies and fables; “we alone,” says Peter, “are not following cunningly devised fables;” we alone, says Peter, make known unto the sons of men the power and majesty of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, his honor and his glory, and the voice of God the Father from the excellent glory saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 2 Peter 1:17. All pursuant to the prophetic message that Christ, God the Son, came and shed his blood on Calvary for none but his elect, his seed; it pleased the Lord to bruise him: “when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” All the seed he shall see, but only the seed shall he see; and they shall receive the atonement because this alone pleased the Father. Isaiah 53:10.

Any other religious message other than this constitutes not only lying superstitious fables, but comes from seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The doctrines of free grace, The Five Points of Calvinism, were once widely preached and believed; although nowadays almost nobody has ever heard of them, let alone receives and believes them; and this is a most startling sign of our times: a subject I will develop later on this broadcast.

I will first call the Episcopalians as my witnesses. You who descend from the Church of England: the Seventeenth Article of your faith, as promulgated by the Episcopalian Church, states: *“Predestination to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundation of the world was laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ Jesus out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels of honour.”* For four hundred years the Seventeenth Article of faith of the Church of England, adopted by the Episcopalians in America following the American Revolution, has existed as a pillar of that Church and its doctrines. Every Episcopalian alive in the earth today must therefore be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth, but not today. At least every intelligent and informed Episcopalian must be my witness on this point.

I will next call the Presbyterians as my witnesses. Chapter Three of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the catechism of the Presbyterian Church, states: *“God hath decreed in himself, from all eternity, by the wisest and holy counsel of his owns will, freely and unchangeably, all things whatsoever that come to pass. Isaiah 46:10; Ephesians 1:11; Hebrews 6:17; Romans 9:15, 18. Further, by the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated or foreordained to eternal life through Jesus Christ, to the praise of his glorious grace. 1 Timothy 5:21; Matthew 25:41; Ephesians 1:5,6. And all others being left to act in their sin, to their just condemnation, to the praise of his glorious justice. Romans 9:22, 23; Jude 4.”* This is what every Presbyterian is bound to believe according to

their published creed. Thus every Presbyterian alive in the earth today must therefore be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth, but not today. At least every intelligent and informed Presbyterian must be my witness on this point.

I will next call the Lutherans as my witnesses. Martin Luther himself, together with the larger and shorter catechisms of the Lutheran Church, and every branch of the Lutheran Church, believe and state as follows according to their published creeds of religion: “This is it which demolishes the doctrine of free will from its foundation, that God’s everlasting love of some men and everlasting hatred of other men is immutable and cannot be changed or modified.” This is what every Lutheran is bound to believe according to every published creed of the Lutheran Church for the past four hundred years. Thus, like it or not, every Lutheran alive in the earth today must be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth, but not today. At least every intelligent and informed Lutheran must be my witness on this point.

I will next call the Congregationalists as my witnesses. While it is true that theoretically no power can impose a creed on such churches, yet the principles of fellowship in which a council of churches is called for the recognition of a new church among the Congregationalists secures a general agreement in doctrine, and such a council in 1648 squarely adopted the Westminster Confession and such a council in 1680 squarely adopted the Savoy Confession; and both the Westminster and Savoy Confessions of Faith, at Chapter Seventeen, paragraph two, state: ***“Salvation depends not upon human free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ and union with him, and the nature of the covenant of grace; from all which ariseth the certainty and infallibility thereof. (Romans 8:30; Romans 9:11; Romans 5:9, 10; John 14:19; Hebrews 6:17, 18; 1 John 3:9; Jeremiah 32:40).*** The creed of the Congregational

churches is sometimes referred to as New England theology and its origin is ascribed to the works of Jonathan Edwards, the great Congregational preacher of the 18th Century and President of Princeton University, whose famous sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” used to be required reading and included in the High School Literature text books of Kansas and most other states. Thus every Congregationalist alive in the earth today must therefore be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth, but not today. At least every intelligent and informed Congregationalist must be my witness on this point.

I will next call the Baptists as my witnesses. In 1859, a famous medical doctor in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. David Benedict, wrote a book entitled, *“Fifty Years Among the Baptists.”* That book was widely circulated and accepted as authoritative by Baptists and throughout the world for more than one hundred years since it was first published. At page 54 of that book, Dr. Benedict states: ***“Fifty years ago, in 1810, our old Baptist preachers, especially those of British descent, were generally strong Calvinists.”*** Dr. John Gill, one of the most distinguished ministers among the English Baptists in the Eighteenth Century, was noted for his monumental literary work, *“A Body of Doctrinal and Practical Divinity,”* and his exposition of every verse of the English Bible, running to ten large volumes. John Gill was a powerful preacher and expositor of the Five Points of Calvinism, and no respectable Baptist preacher in either England or America for two hundred years would dispute or deny the doctrines contained in the Five Points of Calvinism. Charles Spurgeon, the acknowledged spokesman for Baptist theology in England and America since the days of Queen Victoria, and whose library now rests in the basement of the William Jewell College Library Building in Liberty, Missouri, was a bold and eloquent defender of the Five Points of Calvinism. At the dedication of a new church building in London, Spurgeon said: ***“As for our faith as a church, you have heard about that already. We believe in those doctrines commonly called the Five Points of Calvinism; and against all heretics, especially all lovers of Arminianism free-will salvation; we do maintain and defend pure***

Gospel truth.” Thus every Baptist alive in the earth today must therefore be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth, but not today. At least every intelligent and informed Baptist must be my witness on this point.

My friend, I have demonstrated and am prepared to further demonstrate beyond any reasonable doubt to any candid mind, that from the days of their founding those churches known as Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Congregational, and Baptists; from their published creeds and professions of faith; and from the public pronouncements and extensive sermonizing of their acknowledged leaders; widely preached and believed the Five Points of Calvinism.

Every Episcopalian, every Presbyterian, every Lutheran, every Congregationalist, and every Baptist, if he is honest and informed, must be my witness that the Five Points of Calvinism once were widely preached and believed in the earth as the only true Gospel of God, but not today. Nowadays, remarkably, almost nobody preaches and almost nobody believes the Five Points of Calvinism. There is a spectacular and unprecedented and world-wide ignorance of the Five Points of Calvinism. The days have thus arrived, spoken of by Isaiah the prophet: “Darkness”—ignorance—“covers the earth, and gross darkness”—thick impenetrable darkness—“covers the people of the earth.” Isaiah 60:2. And, the days have thus arrived, spoken of by Amos the prophet: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.” Amos 8:11-12.

When the Five Points of Calvinism are expounded plainly over this radio program, it is as though I were speaking in a foreign language so far as the ability of those listening to understand it; let alone to believe these doctrines. And, my friend, if you do not have a thorough knowledge and understanding of

the Five Points of Calvinism you are truly in darkness and ignorance of all divine truth; and if you do not have an intelligent belief in and love for the Five Points of Calvinism, you have no rational religion but are bound up in superstition and religious lies. This radical, wholesale and unprecedented ignorance of the truth of God in the earth is one of the great signs of the times; signaled and foretold by apostles and the prophets as being the harbinger or adumbration of the end of the world. This radical, wholesale and unprecedented ignorance of the truth of God in the earth is a circumstance referred to in the Scripture as “the quarrel of the covenant.” “And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you,” saith the Lord. Leviticus 26:25.

Listen, “O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.” Jeremiah 22:29.

This radical, wholesale and unprecedented ignorance of the truth of God in the earth is a circumstance describing the great, predicted paradox which signals the end of the world, when human knowledge would dramatically increase but accompanied by a haughty ignorance of God and his truth. In the last days scoffers shall arise. 2 Peter 3:3. “For the preaching of the cross”—an ellipsis standing for the Five Points of Calvinism, meaning, for the preaching of the Five Points of Calvinism—“is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” 1 Corinthians 1:18-20.

Our political, scientific and religious leaders think they are so smart, but they are not; they are in reality foolish indeed; they stand helpless and paralyzed like Belshazzar the King with the joints of his loins loosed and his knees smiting one against the other in the face of the AIDS plague; having haughtily scoffed and turned deaf ears to the preaching of the cross—the Five

Points of Calvinism—they reveal themselves to be morally bankrupt. Mental pygmies and moral midgets rule over us; men and women in high places in government and religion, who are wholly devoid of wisdom and light; walking in that darkness that covers the earth and that gross darkness which covers the people.

Meanwhile, this word comes from heaven: “Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ... For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.” Proverbs 1:24-30

There are three powerful signs of our times, my friend, which our leaders seem deaf, dumb and blind to discern and deal with; they signal the doom of our nation and our race; they are as plain as the nose on your face. They are: First, a radical, wholesale, unprecedented departure from the preaching and believing of the true word of God in the earth; Two, homosexuals have become accepted and respected in our society and our world, for the first time in human history; and, three, the pestilence of AIDS; a lethal virus without cure or vaccine afflicts our nation and our world and threatens to annihilate our race within ten or fifteen years.

This is Fred Phelps, pastor of Westboro Baptist Church, in Topeka. More next week on this station at the same time, on “The Old School Baptist Hour.”