

**TULIP Wrap-Up**  
**Not Just Information, But Transformation - Handout**  
**7/1/18**

This morning I want to ask each of us to do three things with the truths of the TULIP:

1. Examine our hearts in light of them.
2. Examine the priority that we have placed on them.
3. Examine if they have resulted in transformation of our lives.

**1. Self-Examination**

Are these merely theological truths that you have mentally assented to, or by the power of the Spirit have you been brought to see your own depravity and hatred of your sin such that you would turn and forsake it and run to the cross of Christ?

**2. The Right Priority of These Doctrines**

**Cited in Handley Carr Glyn Moule's 1892 biography, *Charles Simeon*, p. 79f.**

Conversation between Calvinist Charles Simeon (1759-1836) and Arminian John Wesley (1703-1791) about their commonality amidst the controversy:

[Simeon] Sir, I understand that you are called an Arminian; and I have been sometimes called a Calvinist; and therefore I suppose we are to draw daggers. But before I consent to begin the combat, with your permission I will ask you a few questions. Pray, Sir, do you feel yourself a depraved creature, so depraved that you would never have thought of turning to God, if God had not first put it into your heart?

[Wesley] *Yes, I do indeed.*

[Simeon] And do you utterly despair of recommending yourself to God by anything you can do; and look for salvation solely through the blood and righteousness of Christ?

[Wesley] *Yes, solely through Christ.*

[Simeon] But, Sir, supposing you were at first saved by Christ, are you not somehow or other to save yourself afterwards by your own works?

[Wesley] *No, I must be saved by Christ from first to last.*

[Simeon] Allowing, then, that you were first turned by the grace of God, are you not in some way or other to keep yourself by your own power?

[Wesley] *No.*

[Simeon] What then, are you to be upheld every hour and every moment by God, as much as an infant in its mother's arms?

[Wesley] *Yes, altogether.*

[Simeon] And is all your hope in the grace and mercy of God to preserve you unto His heavenly kingdom?

[Wesley] *Yes, I have no hope but in Him.*

[Simeon] Then, Sir, with your leave I will put up my dagger again; for this is all my Calvinism; this is my election my justification by faith, my final perseverance: it is in substance all that I hold, and as I hold it; and therefore, if you please, instead of searching out terms and phrases to be a ground of contention between us, we will cordially unite in those things where in we agree.

### **3. Not Just Information, But Transformation**

*There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry "Mine."* Abraham Kuyper, *Tabletalk*, 26, no. 10 (Oct. 2002)

1. Circle One

- a. Trust in God/Quiet our Fears and Anxiety
- b. Forgiveness
- c. Hope
- d. Humility
- e. Thanksgiving
- f. Unconditional Love

2. Circle Two

- a. Christian books.
- b. You are to treat your spouse not as they deserve, but how God has treated you in Christ. (Also applies to Children, Church and all other relationships).

3. Circle Three

- a. Perseverance in Evangelism

4. Circle Four

- a. Our Theology should lead to Doxology (worship).
- b. God is sovereign over all things, including how He is to be worshipped.

5. Circle Five

- a. Bad news before good news.
- b. God has chosen a people for Himself from every tongue, tribe and nation.
- c. "It out to be the greatest object of our daily wishes, that God would collect churches for Himself from all the countries of the earth, that He would enlarge their numbers, enrich them with gifts, and establish a legitimate order among them." *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, 3.20.42.
- d. Not despairing in lack of fruit.