

deciding vote, I don't believe we should cast him out, but I believe we should reason with him and show him from Scripture that is not what Scripture teaches. When someone believes that like Benjamin Franklin we can draw up a list of qualities and say, I'm going to improve on this and improve on that and check it day by day, I think we should not say, O that's Pelagianism, that's wicked. I think we should show that it is good to try to improve your character, but that you can never by your own effort improve it enough to ~~win~~ receive God's favor except through the grace of God and through receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour from sin. When one _____ as the Universalists do that Jesus Christ by his death saves all men and everyone is saved, and therefore all they need to do is just realize the fact of our sonship, we can show them from Scripture that is not true, that God has foreordained what shall come to pass and that the matters that come to pass in our lives bring in contact with the Gospel and should lead us to believe in Christ and be saved through Him.

Most important of all, when things go wrong in our lives we can know that if it is not the result of our sin, ~~if~~ of our specific mistakes, but it is the result of events over which as far as we can see no control, we can know that God has a purpose in it for us, and we can rest in realization of his sovereignty and of his marvelous grace.

The story is told of a Bishop in the church of England who was very much disturbed over conditions and problems in his diocese. He was so disturbed he pondered over them and he could not sleep. He sat there thinking about these things late into the night, and he could not sleep. Finally he dozed off. And he had a dream. The Lord stood beside him and said to him, Don't worry