

But it is a matter of simply resting in the finished work of Christ, and knowing that everyone who does so is one who has been chosen before the foundation of the world, and He who has laid his hands on you will ~~ka~~ never take it away.

Now I'd like to say a word about these so-called Five Points. I attended Princeton Seminary in the days when there were some of the faculty who wished to compromise with modernist teachers, and there were others who were strongly standing for the truth of the Word of God. There was no one there at that time who would actually verbally deny his belief that the Word of God is entirely true. The teaching was very definitely and strictly Calvinistic.

But in my three years there I do not remember ever hearing a reference to Five Points of Calvinism. In later years I heard many references to the Five Points of Calvinism. I went back to the theology we used when I was in seminary--~~KXKXIX~~ to Charles Hodge's Systematic Theology and I looked up in the Index for the Five Points of Calvinism, and I found there in the Index the Five Points of Arminianism, but not the Five Points of Calvinism!

In the Netherlands in the 17th Century, there was a movement which came to be named after a man who died before the Synod of Dort but which was named after his teachings, a man who had a great influence. The main church there decided his teachings were not biblical. A group remonstrated against the declaration. So the followers of Arminius came to be called Remonstrants. At the Synod of Dort there were representatives from the Netherlands and from a number of other countries adjoining the Netherlands.

The Remonstrants presented Five statements of their belief. The Five Points of Arminianism. The Synod made a statement denying each of these Five Points of Arminianism. These canons of the Synod of Dort as they were issued came under five heads. See how different they sound ~~far~~ from what you hear are the Five Points of Calvinism!

No. 1 they called, Of Divine Predestination. No. 2 Of the Death of Christ and the Redemption of Men Thereby. No. 3 Of the Corruption of Man--- no, rather they put the 3rd and 4th together so they called it: Of the Corruption of Man, his Conversion to God and the Manner Thereof. And the 5th point of doctrine they called: Of the Perseverance of the Saints.

These are the terms that were used, and those of you who have heard references to the Five Points of Calvinism know that the terminology-- notice that the terminology is not used, and that the order is different. I saw a book recently called the Five Points of Calvinism supposed to be quotations from many great Puritan writers of 200 or 400 years ago. And there was a marvellous quotations presenting great Scriptural truths, but I did not in any of those quotations except relating to the 5th point see the particular terminology that is used today in calling these the Five Points of Calvinism.

Today you hear a good bit about the word TULIP. It certainly suggests the Synod of Dort! which was held in the Netherlands. When we think of Holland we think of TULIP!