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right to receive from it. But we should remember that
they are falsely called the five points of Calvinism.
Hodge's Theology in his Index has no reference to the
Five Points of Calvinism. It refers to the Five Points of
Arminianism and these are the answers to Arminianism.

To interpret a system purely on the basis of the
answers to those who have attacked it in certain points
produces as caricature and results in attitudes that
are definitely contrary to God's Word.

O God our Father, we thank you that you are sovereign
We thank you that you control all things. There is much
we don't understand but we know that if we have believed
in Christ we have come because you have planned it so.
You control all things. Men may wave their puny arms and
shake their fists at God, but God does what he chooses
and he has a good purpose in all that He does. We pray
==praise you for it.

Our God if we have truly received Christ into our
hearts we praise you for we know it is for no goodness
in us but it is your wonderful grace by which we are saved.
And if any of us have doubts, our God help us now to see
ourselves as lost sinners and to look to Christ and be
saved. Then it is merely an academic question whether
we ever did before, but we know that he who believes in
Christ is saved forevermore.

Our God help us to win people to these truths. Not
to drive them away; not to make sharp lines over them
but to present it to them so that they with us may enjoy
the great blessing to which all Christians are entitled.

Above all, our Father we ask that Jesus Christ may
be the center of our lives, that he may be in us the
hope of glory that we ~~may be~~ crucified with Christ and
~~that~~ yet not we live but ^{being} He lives in us and through us.
We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

This morning we are again to have the evaluation.
. . . It will be a great help to me if you will all sign
them because. I'm not particularly interested in of
one person, but I'm greatly interested in a cross-section.
If you have comments you would like to make I will
appreciate them. If there isn't time to finish writing
them today then please ~~xxxxxx~~ arrange to take
the paper with you and turn it in at the office.