

# THE BATTLE FOR THE GOSPEL Carried On By Others (Part 4)

Various Scriptures

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## Bottom Line:

The Reformation changed the world and the Christian church by calling believers back to the authority of God's Word. It is a wonderful example of how one man's stand can powerfully impact the lives of others and honor God in the process.

## Introduction:

*Luther gains the support of millions of Germans and others around Europe as he calls for the supremacy of God's Word. The Bible is translated into the German and English language during this time as England and other nations begin to cut ties with the Catholic Church.*



The Diet of Speyer declared that the previously unenforced Edict of Worms to stop Luther's teachings was to be enforced. The Protestant princes professed their faith here for the first time in opposition to the Edict.

**John Calvin**  
1509-1564  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Reformed Churches



-Followed Luther as prominent leader of Reformation

Beliefs organized under 5 points:

- T - Total Depravity
- U - Unconditional election
- L - Limited Atonement
- I - Irresistible Grace
- P - Perseverance of the saints

**Jacobus Arminius**  
1560-1609  
Basel, Switzerland  
Wesleyan (Methodist)



-Student of Calvin's son-in-law, questioned predestination & perseverance.

- People choose God by their own free will
- God elected those whom he foreknew would choose Him.
- People could choose to forfeit their salvation

## Doctrinal Realities That Shaped the Protestant Church:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in all things.  
*Ephesians 1:11-12; Psalm 135:6; Romans 8:29-30*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ as a powerful time of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
3. The meaning and mode of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:38-39*
  - The word "baptize" (baptize) means to "dip under water".
  - The Greek word = "to immerse or dip under water".
  - Best symbolizes and mirrors a burial and resurrection!
4. The reality of a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ. *Acts 17:27; Revelation 3:20*

"No person is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief."

John Calvin