

New Calvinism

What it Truly Means to be a Bible-believer

According to Time Magazine what is one of the “Ten Ideas Changing the World Right Now”?

New Calvinism Described

A few characteristics of the movement:

1. A belief in a big God who is _____ and _____. (Rom 3:10-12; Heb 7:25)
2. An emphasis on _____ preaching.
3. A return to _____.
4. An appreciation of _____.
5. Clarity on the _____ of men and women.

Engaging New Calvinism

How does New Calvinism compare to the doctrinal position of your church? The Australian Fellowship of Bible-believing Churches has a lengthy doctrinal statement. Included are three distinctives:

Distinctive 1. The _____ is authoritative and sufficient.

What is a “Bible-believing” Church?

A Bible-believing church accepts divine revelation as primary knowledge to the extent that the Bible drives beliefs and shapes behaviour.

1. A Bible-believer looks to _____ as primary knowledge

There are various ways that something can be known. The issue is, which of these ways is primary?

- A. _____ . (The Enlightenment)
- B. _____ . (Existentialism)
- C. _____ . (The New Age Movement)
- D. _____ .

A W Tozer: "A Christian knows a thing to be true, not because he has tested and verified it in experience, but because God has said it."

Is God giving new revelation today?

Does He need to? (2 Tim 3:15-17)

2. The Bible drives _____ (or, to put it another way, a Bible-believer's orthodoxy is drawn out from the Bible)

This implies a certain method of Bible interpretation, proclamation and application.

A. Interpretation:

B. Proclamation:

C. Application (Luke 24.27; Matt 4.3-4):

3. The Bible shapes _____ (or, to put it another way, a Bible-believer's orthodoxy is dictated by the Bible)

Distinctive 2. An expectancy of the imminent, _____ return of Christ (Rom 11:1-5)

1. Urgency (Rom 13:10-11)

2. Purity (Rom 13.12-14)

Distinctive 3. Cessation of Sign Gifts (Heb 2:3-4; 1 Cor 15:3-9)