DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Key: Red is the unscriptural left wing. Dark blue is Biblical theology. Light blue is near Biblical. Mauve is extra Biblical.

| Arminianism | Amyraldism | Moderate Calvinism | Consistent Calvinism | Hyper-Calvinism |
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| Theology: | Theology: | Theology: [4 point Calvinism] | Theology: | Theology: |
| Man is not completely unable but is able to choose spiritual good. The elect are those whom God foresaw would repent. Jesus died for everyone. God loves everyone and desires the salvation of all sinners. The Gospel is for all but men can accept or reject it. Faith and repentance are in the province of man, though there is a universal grace available to all to help. | Man is only morally unable. The elect are chosen in eternity for moral ability. Jesus died for all men hypothetically; but in practice for the elect alone. God loves everyone and desires the salvation of all sinners. The Gospel is for all but only the elect obey it. Faith and repentance are commanded as a duty to all. | Man is depraved and dead in sins. The elect are chosen in eternity. Jesus' death is sufficient for everyone but efficient for some. God loves everyone and desires the salvation of all sinners. (The contradiction between 3 and 4 is called a 'paradox', usually based upon two contradictory wills in God!) The Gospel is for all but only the elect obey it. Faith and repentance are commanded as a duty to | Man is totally depraved and dead in sins. The elect are loved by God and were chosen, by his sovereign pleasure in eternity, in Christ. Jesus died for the elect alone. The elect alone are loved by God. Reprobates are hated. The Gospel is to be preached to everyone. It hardens the reprobate in sin and comes with power to regenerate the elect. Faith and repentance are commanded as a duty to | Man is totally depraved and dead in sins. The elect are loved by God and were chosen, by his sovereign pleasure in eternity, in Christ. They are also justified in eternity. Jesus died for the elect alone. The elect alone are loved by God. Reprobates are hated. The Gospel is to be preached only to those who are already regenerated. Faith and repentance are not the duty of sinners. |
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| Examples of what may be preached | | | | |
| God loves you. | God loves you. | God loves you. | Seek God's mercy. | Seek God's mercy. |
| Jesus died for you. | Jesus died for you. | Jesus died for you. | Jesus died for all who believe. | Jesus died for sinners. |
| Accept Christ as your saviour. | Accept Christ as your saviour. | Accept Christ as your saviour. | Submit to Christ as Lord. | |
| Invite Christ into your life. | Invite Christ into your life. | Invite Christ into your life. | | |
| Repent and believe the Gospel. | Repent and believe the Gospel. | Repent and believe the Gospel. | Repent and believe the Gospel. | |

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