

The Doctrines of Grace

1. A Lovely Flower...
Amazing!

Ephesians 2:8-9

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Nothing to boast
about... it's all about
Grace



PELAGIUS

*Accusest Pelagius with what false pretence
 Durst thou excuse Mans foule Concupiscence ?
 Or cry down Sin Originall, or that
 The Love of God did Man predestinate .*



Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609)
(Jakob Hermanzoon)

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Two principles:

- 1. Divine sovereignty is incompatible with human freedom (and therefore, human responsibility)**
- 2. Ability limits obligation – no one can be held accountable for what he is incapable of doing**

The Five Points of Arminianism

- 1. God elects or rejects people on the basis of foreseen faith or unbelief**
- 2. Christ died for every person, but only believers are saved**
- 3. Humanity is depraved but not so that we cannot exercise our free will, with God's help**
- 4. Using his free will, man can resist God's grace**
- 5. Those who have been born again, can lose their faith and so lose also their salvation**

The Reformed Synod of Dort (1618-19)



"Synode van Dordrecht" by
Pouwel Weyts

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