

Calvinism and Arminianism, Lesson 2: History

Opening Exercise: Answer the following questions...

1. Arminians are from the country of Armenia? True or False
2. Jacob (or James) Arminius was Reformed? True or False
3. What are the Canons of Dordt?

4. Why is it so important to remember the historical situation in which the Synod of Dordt met and the Canons of Dordt were written?¹

¹ Some of these questions are taken or adapted from: Cornelis P. Venema, *But for the Grace of God: An Exposition on the Canons of Dort*, 2d ed (Grandville, MI: Reformed Fellowship Inc., 2011).

Notes

Homework

1. Sometimes the teaching of the Canons of Dordt is described as the “five points of Calvinism.” Are these five points an adequate summary of the Canons?
2. What does the letters in the acronym TULIP stand for?
3. Does Calvinism remove incentive for evangelism or preaching the gospel? Why or why not?
4. How does the teachings of the Canons of Dordt comfort believers?²

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