A Chronological Survey of the Calvinism/Arminanism Controversy in the SBC

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There is no learned man but will confess that he hat much profited by reading controversies -- his senses awakened, his judgment sharpened, and the truth which he holds more firmly established. All controversy being permitted, falsehood will appear more false, and truth the more true.

--John Milton, as quoted in *The Golden Treasury of Puritan Quotations*, compiled by I. D. E. Thomas (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1989), 62-63.

Top 12 Events in the Controversy (chronologically and according to Timmy Brister)

(1) 19	978	Ernest Reisinger and Fred Malone begin the "Boyce Project"— a goal to republish James P. Boyce's <i>Abstract of Theology</i> and distribute it to every graduate of each of SBC's six seminaries
(2) 19	986	By His Grace and for His Glory: A Historical, Theological and Practical Study of the Doctrines of Grace in Baptist Life by Dr. Tom Nettles first published
(3) Jul	lly 25-28, 1995	13 th Annual Founders Conference held at Samford University featuring Drs. Timothy George, Al Mohler, Tom Nettles, Donald Whitney, Mark Dever, and Mark Coppenger. Other speakers included Tom and Bill Ascol, Walter Johnson, and Fred Malone. Mohler's address was, "J. Boyce and Renewal in Theological Education."
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(5) Ap	pril 2005	Steve W. Lemke, provost of NOBTS, calls out Founders churches and warns of hyper-Calvinism in his paper "The Future of Southern Baptists as Evangelicals"
(6) Ju	ne 20, 2005	Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor of FBC Woodstock, GA speaks out against election at the annual Pastor's Conference
(7) Jul	ly 10, 2005	Dr. Bobby Welch, President of SBC, argues that Calvinism is harmful to Great Commission in his church's newsletter ("Calvinism and Christ's Great Commission") no longer available online
(8) Fe	ebruary 14, 2006	Caner brothers react on Founders blog regarding Johnny Hunt being nominated for President of SBC
(9) Ma	farch 9, 2006	Malcolm Yarnell gives Founders Day address at SWBTS entitled "The Heart of a Baptist"
(10) Ap	pril 26-28, 2006	First Together for the Gospel Conference held in Louisville, KY with 3,000+ Reformed ministers present
(11) Jui	ne 6, 2006	Drs. Albert Mohler and Paige Patterson discuss "Reaching Today's World Through Differing Views of Election" (Audio streaming session 1 and session 1 and session 2); PDF opening comments (session 1 and session 2))
(12) Au	ugust 22, 2006	"The Young, Restless, and Reformed: Calvinism Is Making a Comeback—and Shaking up the Church" by Collin Hansen in <i>Christianity Today</i>

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The Timeline of Events:

Ernest Reisinger and D. Matthew Allen write <u>A Quiet Revolution: A Chronicle of Beginnings of Reformation in The Southern Baptist</u>
<u>Convention</u> available in its entirely online

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March 1980 First writing Southern Baptist theologian, John L. Dagg's <u>Manual of Theology</u> is reprinted

June 1981 <u>Baptist Confessions of Faith</u> by William Lumpkin is published by Judson Press

Summer 1983 <u>Founders Ministries</u> begins

1986 By His Grace and for His Glory: A Historical, Theological and Practical Study of the Doctrines of Grace in Baptist

<u>Life</u> by Dr. Tom Nettles first published

1988 <u>Southern Baptists and the Doctrine of Election</u> by Robert Selph is published by Gano Books (five succeeding reprints)

May 31, 1991 <u>Winds of Doctrines</u> by W. Wiley Richards, professor at Florida Baptist Theological College, is published as an attempt to

counter Nettles' By His Grace and For His Glory

December 7, 1994 Mark Wingfield writes, "Who Has a Chance to go to Heaven: Resurgent Calvinism Spawns New Controversy" in *The*

Baptist Standard (Texas state paper)

1995 Patrick Hues Mell's <u>A Southern Baptist Looks at Predestination</u> is reprinted by Sprinkle Publications

January 5, 1995 Frank Stagg laments of resurgence of Calvinism at SBTS under Mohler's leadership in his article "Theological

Institutions and the J. P. Boyce Legacy" in *The Baptist Record* (Mississippi state paper)

January 16, 1995 Wayne Grudem's <u>Systematic Theology</u> first published and soon becomes main textbook in all SBTS seminaries

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January 19, 1995	Dr. Albert Mohler writes, "Abstract of Principles Provides Theological Accountability" in <i>The Baptist Record</i>			
Spring 1995 Spring 1995 Spring 1995 Spring 1995	Tom Nettles writes, "The Rise and Demise of Calvinism Among Southern Baptists" in Founders Journal Tom Ascol writes, "Southern Baptists at the Crossroads: Returning to Old Paths" in Founders Journal Ernest Reisinger writes, "What Should We Think of Evangelism and Calvinism?" in Founders Journal Timothy George writes, "Southern Baptist Theology: Whence and Whither?" in Founders Journal			
June 1, 1995	Glenn Brown writes	s, "Salvation for All or Only for the Elect?" in Baptist Messenger (Oklahoma state paper)		
July 25-28, 1995	13 th Annual Founders Conference held at Samford University featuring Drs. Timothy George, Al Mohler, Tom Nettles, Donald Whitney, Mark Dever, and Mark Coppenger. Other speakers included Tom and Bill Ascol, Walter Johnson, and Fred Malone. Mohler's address was, "J. Boyce and Renewal in Theological Education."			
August 16, 1995	Presnall Wood writes, "Nothing Wrong with 'Whosoever Will" in Baptist Standard			
September 14, 1995	995 Dwayne Hastings writes, "Calvinist or Arminian? Argument Empty, Vines Says" (Jerry Vines that is)			
Summer 1996	"The Ascent of Lost Man in Southern Baptist Preaching" by Dr. Mark Coppenger			
Spring 1997	Fisher Humphreys writes "Southern Baptists and Calvinism" in Theological Educator			
March 26, 1997	Dr. William Estep April 9, 1997 April 16, 1997 April 29, 1997 Summer 1997 Summer 1997 Summer 1997 Summer 1997 May 1997	attacks Calvinism in his article, "Doctrines Lead to 'Dunghill Prof Warns" in Baptist Standard, "Readers Respond to Story on Calvinism" in Letters to the Editor Baptist Standard, "Estep and Calvinism: Against and For" in Letters to the Editor Dr. Al Mobler writes in Western Recorder, "Counterpoint: Calvinism Leads to Renewal in SBC" as rebuttal to Dr. William Estep Dr. Al Mohler responds "The Reformation of Doctrine and Renewal of the Church" Dr. Roger Nicole responds in an open letter in Founders Journal Tom Ascol responds "Do Doctrines Really lead to Dunghill?" in Founders Journal James White responds "Doctrines Lead to Solid Biblical Theology" Baptist Banner (VA) has article by Tom Ascol, "A Response to Dr. William Estep's Article 'Doctrines Lead to Dunghill"		

Summer 1997	Dr. Tom Nettles writes "The Conserving Power of the Doctrines of Grace" in Founders Journal
May 1, 1997	A Foundation for the Future: The Southern Baptist Message and Mission is published
August 11, 1997	Roy Fish preaches against Calvinism at Cottage Hill Baptist Church called "The C-Word (Calvinism)"
Fall 1997	Tom Nettles asks, "Are Calvinists Hyper?" in Founders Journal
September 9, 1997	Mark Wingfield writes, "Will Kentucky Churches Buy Calvinism?" in Western Recorder (Kentucky state paper)
September 19, 1997	Baptist Press, "Editor's Critique of Calvinism Prompts Challenges in Return" by Art Toalston
September 23, 1997	Tom Ascol writes, "Doctrinal Integrity Restored at Southern Seminary" in Western Recorder
October 6, 1997	Christianity Today publishes article, "Calvinism Resurging Among SBC's Young Elites" written by Keith Hinson
November 10, 1997	Dr. Adrian Rogers gives an address at Bellevue Baptist entitled "Why I am Not a Five Point Calvinist" which was a forerunner for calling "five-point Calvinism" "hyper-Calvinism."
November 12, 1997	Dr. Jesse Fletcher argues "Calvinism Is Longstanding Baptist Dispute" in Baptist Press (also in Baptist Standard)
November 20, 1997	Baptist Record article, "Baptist Calvinism Debate Stirring Anew"
1998	IX Marks Ministries begins
March 19, 1998	Baptists Today carries guest editorial by Wayne Nicholson, "Calvinism Takes Toll on Seminary Faculty, Students" in reference to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
August 1, 1998	Millard Erickson's <i>Christian Theology</i> republished in one edition (2 nd edition) becomes main theological textbook in seminaries with Grudem
September 3, 1998	Baptist Press, "Doctrine of Election too Transcendent for Human Explanation, Patterson Says" by Lee Weeks

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September 11, 1998	Russell D. Moore writes for Baptist Press, "Conservatives Stand Together on Doctrine of Election, Patterson Says" where Dr. Paige Patterson spoke at SBTS chapel from Rom. 8:29-30
March 10, 1999	Baptist Press article by Robyn Little, "Speaker Challenges Calvinism as not Reflecting God's Grace," referencing Larry Ashlock's caricature of Calvinism
June 19, 1999	World magazine has column by Edward Plowman entitled "Choosing Calvinism?: Reformation-minded Southern Baptists Seek to Return the SBC to Its Historic Roots" highlighting Founders Ministries
August 5, 1999	<u>The Other Side of Calvinism</u> by Laurence Vance is published against Calvinism
November 15, 1999	Dr. Paige Patterson warns against Calvinism detracting from evangelism
2000	<u>Trouble with TULIP: A Closer Examination of the Five Points of Calvinism</u> by Frank Page published
2000	<u>Amazing Grace: God's Initiative – Our Response</u> by Timothy George published by LifeWay (ROSE acrostic)
March 1, 2000	<u>Still Sovereign: Contemporary Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge, and Grace</u> by Drs. Tom Schreiner and Bruce Ware published as a condensed version of <i>The Grace of God, The Bondage of the Will</i> (2 vol.)
Spring 2000	Ernest Reisinger asks, "Will Calvinism Kill Evangelism?" in Founders Journal
April 17, 2000	Mark Wingfield, editor of Baptist Standard, writes "Mullins scholars see Calvinism behind Mohler's speech"
April 18, 2000	Marv Knox asks, "Do We Need Slaves and a Pope?" in The Baptist Standard as an attack on Dr. Mohler
April 24, 2000	Freddie Gage, SBC evangelist writes article in Baptist Standard attacking Calvinism
May 15, 2000	<u>The Potter's Freedom</u> by James White is published as a rebuttal to Geisler's Chosen But Free
September 2000 (?)	Mark Wingfield writes, "Co-Founder of SBC Takeover Willing to Tolerate Calvinism" against Dr. Mohler in Associated Baptist Press

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October 2000	God So Loved the World by Fisher Humphreys is published and centers its attack on Calvinism		
November 23, 2000	Loyd Melton writes, "What Is Calvinism?" in the Baptist Courier		
November 26, 2000	Greenville, SC news reports, "Calvinism Creates Baptist Dissention" which includes men		
Summer 2001	Tom Ascol writes in Founders Journal "Calvinism, Evangelism, & Founders Ministries"		
August 1, 2001	<u>Chosen but Free</u> (updated) by Norm Geisler is published and calls historical Calvinism "extreme Calvinism"		
August 20, 2001	Baptist Press reports on Dr. Timothy George's book, <i>Amazing Grace: God's Initiative—Our Response</i> , "Study Book Explores Why Grace Is Amazing Yet Controversial"		
October 13, 2001	Dr. Terry Young, NOBTS reviews God So Loved the World by Humphreys and Robertson		
November 15, 2001	Baptist Press reports, "Patterson, Pressler Caution Baptist Against Detractions from Evangelism" (namely Calvinism)		
2002	What Love Is This? Calvinism's Misrepresentation of God by Dave Hunt is published (full of errors) May 16, 2002 James White responds, "Blinded by Tradition: An Open Letter to Dave Hunt" n. d. Dave Hunt's response to James White March 2003 Phil Johnson responds, "A Response to Dave Hunt's Attack on the Doctrines of Grace"		
January 7, 2002	Mercer University announces, "Lecture on Baptists and Calvinism" with Fisher Humphreys		
March 1, 2002	<u>The Way We Were: How Southern Baptist Theology Has Changed and What It Means to Us</u> by Fisher Humphreys is published where he sees the decline of Calvinism in late 19 th century not a "defection" but a "triumph"		
July 1, 2002	Mark Wingfield writes, "Session Explores Different Views of Calvinism" in <i>Baptist Standard</i> highlighting Fisher Humphreys and his view of "traditional Baptists" over against Calvinists		
January 13, 2003	Dr. Elmer Towns, dean at Liberty University, writes against doctrines of grace and Dr. Mohler		
February 20, 2003	Jim Brown writes, "Improper View of 'Election' Hinders Evangelism, Baptist Theologian Says" in Agape Press		

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April 26, 2004	Steve Hays responds, "Selective Certainties" on Triablogue	
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Associated Baptist Press reports, "Calvinism Making a Comeback on Some College Campuses"		
<u>Debating Calvinism</u> by James White and Dave Hunt is published		
Dr. David S. Dockery, president of Union University, lectures on "Calvinism, Arminianism, and Southern Baptist Evangelism" at the PreachingPoints Conference held at UU (in his lecture, Dockery addresses key SBC leaders that correspond to the rise and fall of Calvinism in the SBC)		
Baptist Press reports	s, "Dockery Voices Common Ground for Calvinists, Arminian Views"	
Dr. Paige Patterson <u>preaches (three messages) on sovereignty of God and human responsibility</u> at NOBTS chapel (Gurney Lectures on Evangelism)		
Phillip E. Thompson writes "Baptists and 'Calvinism'" in Baptist History and Heritage		
Michael E. Williams Sr. writes "The Influence of Calvinism on Colonial Baptists"		
Nathan Finn and C. Douglas Weaver write "Youth for Calvin: Reformed Theology and Southern Baptist Collegians"		
What Love Is This?	by Dave Hunt is updated and revised	
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August 1, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, "Final Observations on the Misrepresentations of Bobby Welch and Steve Lemke" Tom Ascol responds, "Steve Lemke's Letter and My Response" August 3, 2005 Fisher Humphreys gives address, "Calvinism and Theology Today" at Mercer University where he argues that traditional April 19, 2005 Baptists (non-Reformed) are more biblical than Calvinists who misunderstand God's love, foreknowledge, etc. June 12, 2005 Dr. Jack Graham, Pastor of Prestenwood Baptist Church, preaches "The Truth About Grace" attacking **Calvinism** August 28, 2005 Tom Ascol responds Part I August 31, 2005 Tom Ascol responds Part II James White responds Part I September 27, 2005 September 30, 2005 James White responds Part II October 4, 2005 James White responds Part III Timmy Brister contests Graham speaking at SBTS chapel Part I October 19, 2005 October 20, 2005 Timmy Brister contests Graham speaking at SBTS chapel Part II June 20, 2005 Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor of FBC Woodstock, GA speaks out against election at the annual Pastor's Conference Don Elbourne responds, "Johnny Hunt on Election" (Hunt chimes in the comments) July 12, 2005 August 4, 2005 Don Elbourne responds, "Johnny Hunt, Election, and Matthew 18" Nathan White responds, "Johnny Hunt on the Sovereignty of God" November 7, 2005 Nathan White responds, "Hunt Review Continued: Part 2" November 14, 2005 Nathan White responds, "Johnny Hunt Continued: 3^{rd} and Final Review" November 17, 2005 July 10, 2005 Dr. Bobby Welch, President of SBC, argues that Calvinism is harmful to Great Commission in his church's newsletter ("Calvinism and Christ's Great Commission") no longer available online Timmy Brister writes, "Bobby and David Planting TULIPS" July 21, 2005 July 26, 2005 Joe Thorn responds, "Anti-Calvinism" July 27, 2005 Paul Lamey asks, "Should Baptists Fear This Man?" (John Calvin) July 15, 2005 Founders Ministries Blog starts under the penmanship of Tom Ascol July 24, 2005 Tom Ascol asks, "BaptistFire—Who Are These People and Why Do They Hide?"

August 18, 2005	Timmy Brister writes, "Why I Am not Surprised"		
September 16, 2005	Tom Ascol writes about "Calvinism's Strength and Weakness"		
September 16, 2005	Joe Carter <u>addresses "Calvinism and Contradictions"</u> at Evangelical Outpost		
September 25, 2005	Scott Slayton begins "Robertson and Humphreys Review" of God So Loved the World		
October 4, 2005	Scott Slayton writes, "For God So Loved the World Part 2" continuing review		
October 7, 2005	Scott Slayton writes, "For God So Loved the World Part 3"		
October 12, 2005	Tom Ascol reports on Bailey Smith's "Save-a-soul-a-month ministry" and scrutinizes the results		
October 14, 2005	Scott Slayton writes, "For God So Loved the World Part 4"		
October 16, 2005	Dr. Steve Gaines, Pastor Bellevue Baptist Church, preaches "I Believe in Salvation" with several attacks on Calvinism October 24, 2005 Tom Ascol responds "Steve Gaines on Calvinism"		
October 30, 2005	Gene Bridges writes, "Observations and Questions for Southern Baptist Synergists"		
November 29, 2005 December 7, 2005 December 8, 2005	Roy Fish's sermon "The C-Word" passed out at Preaching Conference in Missouri Gene Bridges writes, "Southern Baptist History and Calvinism" Part One: The Sandy Creek Tradition Gene Bridges writes, "Southern Baptist History and Calvinism" Part Two: Objections to Sandy Creek Tradition as Staunch Calvinists		
2006	20 th Anniversary edition of <u>By His Grace and For His Glory</u> is revised, expanded, and published		
January 30, 2006	Florida pastor, Joel McDuffie Jr. wonders if Calvin is in heaven in an article in <i>Northwest Florida Daily News</i> January 30, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, " <u>Is John Calvin in Heaven?</u> " February 2, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, " <u>More from Joel McDuffie on John Calvin</u> " February 3, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, " <u>McDuffie—a Sad Postscript</u> "		

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February 2006 <u>John Connell</u> sends letter to President Bobby Welch requesting a study of "Calvinism's current impact on SBC churches

as well as its implications for the future of the great Convention"

February 6, 2006 "Johnny Hunt" on the Calvinist Gadfly

February 14, 2006 Caner brothers react on Founders blog regarding Johnny Hunt being nominated for President of SBC

1st Correspondence Between James White and Ergun Caner

PDF Documented Latest Edition (35 pages): From June 21, 2006 to July 13, 2006

February 16, 2006 Gene Bridges responds, "Founders Ministry Has Been Caned! News at 11!"

February 1, 2006 Daniel Randle responds, "John Piper Is a Hyper-Calvinist!"

February 18, 2006 Timmy Brister responds, "Together for the Truth: Responding to Two Brothers Foaming Out of

the Mouth"

February 18, 2006 Joe Thorn responds, "<u>The Real Problem</u>" James White responds, "<u>Headed Home</u>"

February 23, 2006 James White responds, "The Intellectual Pit Bull of the Evangelical Church?"

February 23, 2006 Gene Bridges responds, "P.H. Mell and John L. Dagg Vs. Ergun Caner – Paige Patterson –

HyperCalvinistic Baptizer – The Rise of Romanism in the SBC?"

February 24, 2006 James White responds, "<u>If You Dare Speak Up . . .</u>" Steve Hays responds, "<u>A-historical Theology</u>"

March 27, 2006 James White responds, "Baptists and Calvinism: A Debate at the New Thomas Road Baptist

Church, Lynchburg, Virginia"

March 28, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "The Debate"

March 29, 2006 James White responds, "Tom Ascol on the Lynchburg Debate"

April 6, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "The Calvinist Virus"

April 12, 2006 James White responds, "Dr. Caner Preached on "Hyper Calvinism" at Thomas Road Baptist

Church"

April 13, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "Why Dr. Caner Thinks He Is Predestined never to be a Calvinist"

April 13, 2006 James White responds, "Be Listening Today: Dr. Caner's Sermon Examined"

April 18, 2006 James White responds, "Today on the Dividing Line" (Responding to Caner on Romans 9)

April 26, 2006 James White responds, "Of Debates and the Silent Treatment"

May 1, 2006 James White responds, "<u>Does Omnibenevolence Mean Unibenevolence?</u>"

May 15, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "<u>Update on the Caner 'debate</u>"

May 15, 2006	James White responds, "Let the People of God Judge"
May 16, 2006	James White responds, "Caner Correspondence File"
June 6, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "Ergun Caner 'Predestined Not to Be a Hyper-Calvinist"
June 6, 2006	James White responds, "Response to Dr. Caner on Falwell.com"
June 6, 2006	Gene Bridges responds, "Caner on Calvinism"
June 8, 2006	James White responds, "Continued Response to Dr. Caner"
June 9, 2006	James White responds, "Final Response to Dr. Caner on Falwell.com"
June 13, 2006	James White responds, "Letter to Dr. O'Donnell and the Caners, 06/13/06"
June 22, 2006	James White responds, "Wow, What a Day"
June 22, 2006	James White responds, "Major Developments in the Lynchburg Debate Saga UPDATED"
June 23, 2006	James White responds, "This Speaks for Itself"
June 23, 2006	James White responds, "I'm at a Loss for Words"
June 25, 2006	James White responds, "So, You Tell Me"
June 26, 2006	James White responds, "In the Interests of Consistency"
June 26, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "Update #2 on the Caner 'Debate'"
June 27, 2006	James White responds, "By the Way "
June 28, 2006	James White responds, "Monday Morning Quarterbacks"
June 29, 2006	James White responds, "Apology and Clarification"
July 11, 2006	James White responds, "It Is Good to be Home / A Request"
July 13, 2006	James White responds, "Taking a Fresh Look"
July 13, 2006	James White responds, "The Caner Saga: Episode MCLXVII: Revenge of the Synergists"
July 13, 2006	James White responds, "No Title"
July 14, 2006	James Whit responds, "Friday Morning Odds and Ends"
August 3, 2006	James White responds, "Baptist and Calvinism: An Open Debate"
August 3, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "Baptists and Calvinism: An Open Debate"
September 6, 2006	James White responds, "Odds and Ends"
September 19, 2006	James White responds, "Less Than a Month to Go"
September 19, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "The Upcoming Debate at Lynchburg"
October 6, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "Debate? What Debate?"
October 6, 2006	James White responds, "A Prayer Request"
October 6, 2006	James White responds, "Regarding the Lynchburg Situation"
October 6, 2006	James White responds, "There Will Be No Debate in Lynchburg on October 16"
October 8, 2006	James White responds, "Cancellation Official"

	October 8, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "It's Official: No Debate October 16"	
	October 9, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "What Really Happened to the Debate, Part 1"	
	October 9, 2006	James White responds, "After Many Weeks of Silence"	
	October 9, 2006	James White responds, "The Caner Spin"	
	October 9, 2006	James White responds, "Shining a Little Light on Ergun Caner"	
	October 10, 2006	James White responds, "Morning Developments"	
	October 10, 2006	James White responds, "Today on the DL" (White and Ascol discuss fallout)	
	October 10, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "What Really Happened to the Debate, Part 2"	
	October 10, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "What Really Happened to the Debate, Part 3"	
	October 11, 2006	Timmy Brister responds, "Chronicling the Greatest Debate That Never Happened"	
	October 12, 2006	James White responds, "Sad, Sad Day in Lynchburg"	
	October 18, 2006	BP article, "Baptists & Calvinism: Event Called Off, but not Debate"	
March 2, 2006 March 4, 2006	Evan May writes, "Resposne to Elmer Towns Part 1" (what Elmer Towns wrote) Gene Bridges writes, "The Sound of One Hand Clapping, a Clanging Cymbal"		
March 9, 2006	Timmy Brister report	ts, "Newsflash: The Caner Brothers United with BaptistFire Against Those Evil Calvinists!"	
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April 2006	"The TULIP of Calvinism in Light of History and the Baptist Faith and Message" by Malcolm Yarnell in SBC Life April 2, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "Malcolm Yarnell on Calvinism" April 3, 2006 Gene Bridges responds to Malcolm Yarnell in Triablogue "The TULIP of Calvinism in Light of History and the Baptist Faith and Message by Dr. Malcolm Yarnell" April 6, 2006 Malcolm Yarnell responds, "A Letter from Malcolm Yarnell"		
April 2006	"Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility" by Dr. Danny Akin in SBC Life March 2, 2006 Joe Thorn responds, "Akin on Calvinism" March 5, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "Danny Akin on Southern Baptists and Calvinism"		
April 23, 2006	Timmy Brister reports on Dr. Bill Wilks who attacked Calvinism at a NOBTS Birmingham extension chapel service		
April 26-28, 2006	First Together for the Gospel Conference held in Louisville, KY with 3,000+ Reformed ministers present		
May 1, 2006	Strange BaptistFire launched to critique BaptistFire		
May 11, 2006	BaptistFire disappears from the Internet		
May 16, 2006	Timmy Brister writes, "SBC, the Presidency, and HyperCalvinism"		
May 25, 2006	Danny Akin answers question, " <u>Is Calvinism a threat to the evangelistic fervor of the SBC? Why or why not?</u> " in an interview with Olive Press (SEBTS paper)		
May 26, 2006	Baptist Press reports on Frank Page's commitment to cooperate with Calvinists in the SBC		
May 26, 2006	Roger Olson writes, "God Is Sovereign over His Sovereignty" in The Baptist Standard		
May 31, 2006	Tom Ascol writes, "Dishonest Calvinists (?) and the Call for Integrity"		
June 2006	Jason Robertson reports, "John Phillips Calls Calvinism Monstrous"		
June 1, 2006	Strange BaptistFire reflects on the current politically correct position for Calvinists in the SBC		

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June 4, 2006	Tom Ascol reviews Frank Page's book, The Trouble with Tulip: A Closer Examination of the Five Points of Calvinism"		
June 5, 2006	Jeff Riddle provides lengthy review of Frank Page's book, Trouble with Tulip: A Closer Examination of the Five Points of Calvinism		
June 5, 2006	Gene Bridges at Strange BaptistFire offers "No Apology."		
June 6, 2006	Drs. Albert Mohler and Paige Patterson discuss "Reaching Today's World Through Differing Views of Election" (Audio streaming session 1 and session 1 and session 1 and session 1 and session 1 and session 2); PDF opening comments (session 1 and session 2);		
June 9, 2006	Bob Allen in Ethics Daily writes "Tiptoeing Through TULIP: Southern Baptists Divided Over Calvinism"		
June 12, 2006	Timmy Brister writes in response to Dick Lincoln preaching against the "Insidious Doctrine of Election"		
June 13, 2006	On SBC.Net Michael Foust writes, "Patterson, Mohler: Calvinism Shouldn't Divide Southern Baptists"		
June 15, 2006	Ken Camp writes, "Will Election of SBC President Deal Blow to Neo-Calvinism?" in Associated Baptist Press		
June 16, 2006	David Roach of Baptist Press writes, "Major on the Majors, Chapman Exhorts Southern Baptists" arguing that Calvinism should he debated in the academy and not in the churches		
July 23, 2006 July 24, 2006 July 25, 2006	Tom Ascol writes, "Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 1" Tom Ascol writes, "Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 2" Tom Ascol writes, "Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 3"		
July 31, 2006	Baptist Press reports of Frank Page and the "tumultuous days" that lie ahead for the Calvinism and the SBC"		
August 22, 2006	"The Young, Restless, and Reformed: Calvinism Is Making a Comeback—and Shaking up the Church" by Collin Hansen in Christianity Today August 22, 2006 Nathan White reponds, "Fad. Driven. Calvinism." August 23, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "Calvinism's 'Comeback' and the Reformation We Need" September 1, 2006 Timmy Brister responds, "Reflections on Young, Restless, and Reformed Article"		

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August 14, 2006 August 16, 2006 August 23, 2006 September 7, 2006	Timmy Brister, "What Is a True Calvinist?" Timmy Brister, "What Is a True Calvinist?" Part Two: God-centered Mind and Penitent Spirit Timmy Brister, "What Is a True Calvinist?" Part Three: Grateful Heart and Submitted Will Timmy Brister, "What Is a True Calvinist?" Part Four: Holy Life and Glorious Ambition		
September 18, 2006	6 Baptist Press, "10 Percent of SBC Pastors Call Themselves 5-Point Calvinists"		
		Tom Ascol responds, "Lifeway: 10% of SBC Pastors Are 5 Point Calvinists"	
	September 19, 2006	Timmy Brister responds, "Five Point Calvinists in the SBC"	
September 27, 2006		r Baptist Reflector writes article, "Calvinists Have No Sense of Urgency—Jesus Did"	
	September 27, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, " <u>'Calvinism as I See It' and the Problems That It Causes</u> "	
	September 28, 2006	Timmy Brister responds, "Same Ole, Same Ole"	
Fall 2006	Gene Bridges writes i	in Founders Journal, "The Raw Calvinism of the North Carolina Separates of the Sandy Creek	
	Tradition"		
October 8, 2006	Jerry Vines preaches at First Baptist Woodstock "Calvinism: A Baptist and His Election"		
	October 10, 2006	Scott Hill responds, "Baptist Battles Against Calvinism"	
	October 16, 2006	Tom Ascol responds, "Vines on Calvinism"	
	October 18, 2006	Strange BaptistFire introduces a critique of Vine's message	
	October 18, 2006	Denny Burk responds, "Southern Baptists Continue Debate Over Calvinism"	
	October 19, 2006	Strange BaptistFire responds, "'Now Here's the Most Objectionable, Probably, of All of Them"	
	October 24, 2006	Strange BaptistFire responds, "The Extent of the Atonement in Baptist Hymnody"	
	October 27, 2006	Strange BaptistFire responds, "The Proof-Texts"	
	October 31, 2006	Strange BaptistFire responds, "Was the Death of Christ a Failure?"	
	November 27, 2006	Strange BaptistFire responds, " <u>Tabula Predstinationis Bezae Contra Canerum et Pattersonum et Vineum</u> "	
October 11, 2006	Ergun Caner makes the	he claim, "Calvinists Are Worse Than Muslims" on his blog	

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October 17, 2006 Strange BaptistFire responds to Ergun Caner, "Ergun Caner 'turned Romans 9 Upside Down'" Guest columnist for Baptist & Reflector Reggie Weems writes, "Regardless of Position, It is Time for a Cease Fire" October 18, 2006 October 26, 2006 Bill Harrell, chairman of Executive Committee of SBC, says Calvinism must be dealt with in SBC in Christian **Index** October 31, 2006 Timmy Brister responds, "Here We Go Again" Tom Ascol responds, "SBC Exec Com Chairman on the 'problem of Calvinism' in the SBC" October 31, 2006 Bill Curtis responds with an open letter to Southern Baptists in the Baptist Courier November 13, 2006 November 23, 2006 Kurt Smith responds, "Baptist Identity and Calvinism" in the Christian Index Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities by Roger Olson published to seemingly correct notions of Arminianism October 30, 2006 Perspective on Election: Five Views edited by Chad Brand published by B&H Academic November 2006 November 7, 2006 Dr. Andy Davis preaches at SBTS chapel on "Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility" November 8, 2006 James P. Boyce's *Abstract of Systematic Theology* is published by Founders Press November 23, 2006 Nelson Price, pastor and evangelist, writes an article "Evangelical Calvinism Is an Oxymoron" in Christian Index November 26, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "Humpty Dumpty Theology" [edited] November 27, 2006 Timmy Brister responds, "Nelson Price, Oxymorons, and Morons" James White responds, "A Letter to Nelson Price" and on his radio show as well November 28, 2006 Tom Nettles responds, "An Historical Perspective of Calvinism" in *The Christian Index* December 7, 2006 Strange BaptistFire responds, "Technically, Sin IS Still the Issue" January 16, 2007 Dr. Danny Akin writes a discerning rebuttal entitled "A Plea for Theological Responsibility and Integrity" December 3, 2006 Nathan Finn compilation post of his series, "What Ails the SBC" December 10, 2006 January 25, 2007 Timmy Brister interviews Dr. David Dockery on Calvinism in the SBC February 17, 2007 Dr. Timothy George argues asks "Are Southern Baptists Calvinists?"

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Morris Chapman, CEO of Executive Committee of SBC interviewed about Calvinism on NOBTS blog March 15, 2007 April 2007 Paul Helm reviews Roger Olson's Arminian Theology at Reformation 21 **April 13, 2007** Jerry Falwell preaches at Liberty University's Convocation, calling Limited Atonement "Heresy" Tom Ascol reports, "Jerry Falwell's Friday the 13th Declaration: Limited Atonement Is Heresy" April 14, 2007 James White responds, "Jerry Falwell Identifies Calvinism as Heresy" (with YouTube video) April 16, 2007 Wade Burleson responds, "We've More in Common with Boyce than Falwell" April 16, 2007 April 18, 2007 Strange Baptistfire responds, "Limited Atonement: Practical Ramifications" April 16, 2007 Timmy Brister probes the blogosphere on the question, "Why Are You Reformed? Your Top 5 Reasons" First Gospel Coalition Conference held at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School bringing together the evangelical May 23-24, 2007 Reformed community together (founding documents) June 2007 John Sullivan and Eddie McClelland of the Florida Baptist Convention used SBC money to fund the sending of four DVD messages by Jerry Vines entitled "Baptist Battles" used as a means of influencing FBC pastors with an anti-Calvinistic agenda June 6, 2007 Tom Ascol responds, "Florida Pastors Sent Anti-Calvinistic Propaganda" Roy Hargrave responds, "An Open Letter of Rebuttal to Jerry Vines' Sermon Against Calvinism" June 6, 2007 Bill Lollar responds, "Getting Hot as Hell in Florida for SBC Calvinists" June 6, 2007 Bill Lollar posts letter by Sullivan and McClelland online June 6, 2007 Gene Bridges responds, "The Florida Baptist Inquisition or "The Rise of the Empire" June 7, 2007 Tom Ascol responds, "Denominational Integrity and Controversy in the Florida Baptist June 7, 2007 Convention" Associated Baptist Press writes, "Calvinist Churches Targeted by Florida Baptist Convention" June 8, 2007 June 5, 2007 Timmy Brister writes, "Connellism Versus Calvinism: You Be the Judge" and exposes the anti-Reformed agenda of Dr. John Connell who submitted the 2006 motion to examine the effects of Calvinism in the SBC June 11, 2007 Dr. Mark Coppenger and Dr. Danny Akin debate Calvinism at SBC Annual Meeting in San Antonio on Dr. Jerry Johnson radio program (part one, part two, part three, part four, part five, part six)

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June 12, 2007 Tom Ascol announces "Building Bridges: Southern Baptists and Calvinism" – a conference jointly sponsored by

Founders Ministers and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center

in North Carolina on November 26-28, 2007.

June 26, 2007 Outreach Magazine reports "America's 2007 Top 25 Multiplying Churches" where three of the top five churches are

Reformed

Mark Dever composes a series entitled "Where'd All These Calvinists Come From?"

June 26, 2007 #1 Charles Spurgeon
July 2, 2007 #2 Martyn Lloyd-Jones
July 12, 2007 #3 Banner of Truth Trust

July 13, 2007 #4 Evangelism Explosion (and D. James Kennedy)

July 19, 2007 #5 Inerrancy Controversy

July 23, 2007 #6 Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

July 24, 2007 #7 J.I. Packer

July 30, 2007 #8 R.C. Sproul and John MacArthur

August 2, 2007 #9 John Piper

August 9, 2007 #10 The Rise of Secularism and Decline of Christian Nominalism

June 27, 2007 Timmy Brister live-blogs National Founders Conference message, "Founders Ministries, Theology, and the Current

SBC" delivered by Tom Ascol

August 2, 2007 The Alabama Baptist provides "A Resource" special edition on "Dortian Calvinism"

<u>Understanding Calvinism: A Resource</u> (editorial) - Bob Terry

Articles by Dr. James Leo Garrett:

<u>A question facing Baptist churches</u>

Calvinism: What does it mean?

Does Dortian Calvinism have weight of Scripture in its favor?

Have Baptists always been Dortian Calvinists in their confessions of faith?

How prominent Baptists stack up

What are the alternatives to Dortian Calvinism?

August 7, 2007 Timmy Brister responds, "<u>The Alabama Baptist and Dortian Calvinism: Response 1</u>" August 8, 2007 Timmy Brister responds, "<u>The Alabama Baptist and Dortian Calvinism: Response 2</u>"

	August 8, 2007 August 9, 2007 August 12, 2007	Timmy Brister responds, "The Alabama Baptist and Dortian Calvinism: Response 3" Timmy Brister responds, "The Alabama Baptist and Dortian Calvinism: Response 4" Tom Ascol responds, "Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Baptist, Pt. 1" August 13, 2007 Peter Lumpkins resonds, "Ascol on Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama
	August 13, 2007	Baptist, Pt. 1" Tom Ascol responds, "Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Baptist, Pt. 2" August 17, 2007 Peter Lumpkins responds, "Ascol on Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Partiet Pt. 2"
	August 14, 2007	Baptist, Pt. 2" Andrew Lindsey responds, "Calvinism: What Does It Mean?"
	August 15, 2007	Tom Ascol responds, " <u>Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Baptist, Pt. 3</u> " August 20, 2007 Peter Lupkins responds, " <u>Ascol on Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Baptist, Pt. 3</u> "
	August 17, 2007	Andrew Lindsey responds, "Does Dortian Calvinism Have Weight of Scripture in Its Favor? (Part 1)"
	August 23, 2007	Andrew Lindsey responds, "Does Dortian Calvinism Have Weight of Scripture in Its Favor? (Part 2)"
	August 27, 2007	Tom Ascol responds, "Garrett on Calvinism in the Alabama Baptist, Pt. 5"
	September 1, 2007	Andrew Lindsey responds, " <u>Does Dortian Calvinism Have Weight of Scripture in Its Favor? (Part 3)</u> "
	September 20, 2007 September 22, 2007	Andrew Lindsey responds, "How Prominent Baptists Stack Up" Andrew Lindsey responds, "A Question Facing Baptist Churches"
October 3, 2007	Tom Ascol shares varied responses to the Amazing Grace DVD project	
October 3, 2007	Timmy Brister writes,	"Together for the Church"—a plea for consensus among Southern Baptists
October 10, 2007	Ed Stetzer provides the schedule for the upcoming "Building Bridges: Southern Baptists and Calvinism" Conference	
October 30, 2007 October 30, 2007 November 2, 2007 November 5, 2007 November 6, 2007	M. Jay Bennett writes M. Jay Bennett writes M. Jay Bennett writes	, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 1)" , "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 2)" , "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 3)" , "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 4)" , "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 5)"

November 7, 2007

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 6)"

November 7, 2007

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 7)"

November 8, 2007

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 8)"

November 9, 2007

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 9)"

November 12, 2007

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 9)"

M. Jay Bennett writes, "An SBC Pastor on the Crisis of Calvinism (pt. 10)"

November 10, 2007 Nathan Finn probes the Reformed community for common stereotypes and caricatures of Calvinism

November 11, 2007 Tom Ascol reports that the Arbuckle Baptist Association (Oklahoma) passed a resolution "take a public stand against

Reformed theology". Click here for JPEG of resolution

November 11, 2007 Timmy Brister responds, "Setting the Record Straight about SBC Bridge Burning"

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Additional:

Johnny Hunt Sermon Series: "<u>The Security and Sureness of Our Salvation</u>" ("An examination of the doctrines of election and predestination") Adrian Rogers Sermon: "Predestined to Hell? Absolutely Not!" sermon and booklet Steve Lawson and Dauphin Way Baptist Church Germantown Baptist Church and "elders"

Fisher Humphreys, "Calvinism and the Bible"

Fisher Humphreys, "Calvinism and Traditional Baptist Theology"

Fisher Humphreys, "Traditional Baptists and Calvinism" in Baptist History and Heritage

Laurence Vance, "Calvinism and the Baptists"

Michael Spender, "A Path Through Those Thorny TULIPS"

Links of James White Vs. Dave Hunt

Links of James White Vs. Norman Geisler

Major Contributing Influences of the Resurgence of Calvinism in the SBC

- 1. Ad Fontes and Sola Scriptura (sufficiency, exposition, exegesis of Scripture)
- 2. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Al Mohler)
- 3. John Piper
- 4. Founders Ministries
 - a. Founders Blog
 - b. Founders Journal
 - c. Founders Conferences
 - d. Founders Press
- 5. IX Marks Ministries (Mark Dever)
- 6. 17th Century Puritanism
 - a. John Owen
 - b. Richard Baxter
- 7. Jonathan Edwards
- 8. Emphasis in Founders of SBC
 - a. James P. Boyce
 - b. John L. Dagg
 - c. Basil Manly Jr.
 - d. John A. Broadus
 - e. Patrick Hues Mell
- 9. College Campus Ministries
 - a. Reformed United Fellowship
 - b. Campus Outreach
 - c. Campus Crusade for Christ
- 10. Reformed Conferences
 - a. Together for the Gospel
 - b. Founders Conferences (Tom Ascol)
 - c. Shepherd's Conference (John MacArthur)
 - d. Ligonier Conference (R.C. Sproul)
 - e. New Attitude Conference (Josh Harris)
 - f. Desiring God National Conference (John Piper)
- 11. The Blogosphere

- 12. New Missional Movement (Tim Keller, Mark Driscoll, Ed Stetzer)
- 13. Discerning Reading of Poor Theological Scholarship

Major Contributing Influences of the Whipping of Calvinism in the SBC

- 1. The Arminianizing of the SBC by E.Y. Mullins, Dale Moody, and Herschel Hobbs
- 2. Preacher/Conference Circuit
 - a. First Baptist Jacksonville Pastors Conference
 - b. Bailey Smith Real Evangelism Conference
 - c. Various State Evangelism Conferences and Pastor's Conferences
 - d. Speakers including Johnny Hunt, Jerry Vines, Bailey Smith, Adrian Rogers, Ted Traylor, Jamey Ragle, etc.
- 3. Church Growth Movement/Pragmatism
- 4. Liberal Theology in the Seminaries
- 5. Decisional Regeneration and Evangelistic Practices of Billy Graham

Monergism Reformed Reader