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The Cause Of God And Truth



Synopsis

This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1838 edition. Excerpt: ...by Christ; that no means of salvation are sufficient without the grace of God; that all men are so far from having an interest in the death of Christ, and salvation by him, that there have been, and are, multitudes that know nothing of either, and are so far from having sufficient means of salvation, that they have none at all; and could it be allowed, that sufficient means of salvation are vouchsafed to all to whom the gospel is revealed, who are but a few, comparatively speaking, this would not prove universal redemption, or that Christ died for all men; since, in all ages, God has given his word and ordinances but to a few, and has suffered whole nations to walk in their own ways. And, indeed, all to whom the gospel is only externally revealed, have not sufficient means of salvation; for, besides an interest in Christ and his death, the sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth, or regenerating grace, and faith in Christ, are requisite means of salvation, which all who enjoy the outward ministry of the gospel are not possessed of: nor is this contrary, but perfectly agreeable, to the whole tenor of the gospel; for, though the gospel is the power of God to salvation, it is only to them that believe, which all men do not who are under the external ministry of the word. The word of grace, which is able to build us up, and give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified, is not the written but the essential word, Christ Jesus, who is full of grace and truth. The grace of God which bringeth salvation, that is, the doctrine of the grace of God, the gospel, which brings the good tidings of salvation, hath, indeed, appeared to all men; but then it does not teach all men to whom it appears, only us that believe, that,...

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not purely from the promise of God, that true believers cannot fall away; for though we own that the new creature is imperfect, yet affirm that such is the nature, strength, and firmness of true grace, that it can never perish."

This book by Gill was written as a refutation to a book by a Dr. Whitby entitled, Dr. Whitby's Discourse on the Five Points. This was touted as an unanswerable master-piece proving the Arminian doctrine. Apparently after much goading from many opponents of Calvinism, Dr. Gill published this excellent work. After reading this I would guess those boastful Arminians wished they had kept silent. This is a thorough dismantling of all points of that said doctrine. Gill systematically dissects each point of Dr. Whitby's by examining the scriptures that are used to prove his position. Not only was this profitable for me in understanding the two doctrines, but I learned much I had not seen as he explained the various scriptures. I purchased the Kindle version and had no problems.

I do not dispute Gill's work one bit: a rich work. That's not at issue here at all. The product description for this book states that it is a reproduction with the likelihood of visible anomalies. No problem there. But this reproduction in particular is a travesty: it is one of the worst-quality scan-and-print jobs I've seen. Speaking as one who works in the digital imaging field, this appears to have been reproduced without any evidence of high-end scanning equipment or quality control. Some pages are skewed, images did not half-tone (and came out almost solid black)...very poor. Save your money and get a PDF version online.

John Gill was an excellent writer and great theologian.... But we must be careful to understand that God's decree to justify the elect (before time) is not the same thing as our actual justification that takes place *in time* when we are called by God, and having been quickened by the Spirit - we by faith alone receive the Imputed Righteousness of Christ for our eternal justification in the sight of God.

Gill gives a systematic response to allegations commonly charged against the Reformed interpretations of Scripture. He is very logical and thorough. Writing in the 1700s, Gill's style is more verbose than I was used to, but you will get used to it as you read. Glenn Hendrickson

John Gill defends Baptist Calvinism against any universal offers particularly Arminian but as well toward the new Calvinist of today!

Excellent defense of the Biblical truths of God's Sovereignty set against a man centered gospel, Gill is superb and highly recommended, however the SGP edition here is a facsimile, and could have been done better, small print tough to read, but worthwhile

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