

## A Chronological Survey of the Calvinism/Arminianism 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)

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- (2) 1986 [\*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) July 25-28, 1995 13<sup>th</sup> 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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- (6) June 20, 2005 Dr. Johnny Hunt, Pastor of FBC Woodstock, GA [speaks out against election at the annual Pastor’s Conference](#)
- (7) 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
- (8) February 14, 2006 Caner brothers [react on Founders blog](#) regarding Johnny Hunt being nominated for President of SBC
- (9) March 9, 2006 Malcolm Yarnell gives Founders Day address at SWBTS entitled “[The Heart of a Baptist](#)”
- (10) April 26-28, 2006 First [Together for the Gospel Conference](#) held in Louisville, KY with 3,000+ Reformed ministers present
- (11) 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 2](#)); PDF opening comments ([session 1](#) and [session 2](#))
- (12) August 22, 2006 “[The Young, Restless, and Reformed: Calvinism Is Making a Comeback—and Shaking up the Church](#)” by Collin Hansen in *Christianity Today*

## *The Timeline of Events:*

Ernest Reisinger and D. Matthew Allen write [\*A Quiet Revolution: A Chronicle of Beginnings of Reformation in The Southern Baptist Convention\*](#) available in its entirety online

Tom Ascol writes, “[From the Protestant Reformation to the Southern Baptist Convention: What Hath Geneva to Do with Nashville?](#)”

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March 1980 First writing Southern Baptist theologian, John L. Dagg’s [Manual of Theology](#) is reprinted

June 1981 [Baptist Confessions of Faith](#) by William Lumpkin is published by Judson Press

**Summer 1983** [Founders Ministries](#) begins

**1986** [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

1988 [Southern Baptists and the Doctrine of Election](#) by Robert Selph is published by Gano Books (five succeeding reprints)

May 31, 1991 [Winds of Doctrines](#) 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 [A Southern Baptist Looks at Predestination](#) 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 [Systematic Theology](#) first published and soon becomes main textbook in all SBTS seminaries

- January 19, 1995 Dr. Albert Mohler writes, “Abstract of Principles Provides Theological Accountability” in *The Baptist Record*
- Spring 1995 Tom Nettles writes, “[The Rise and Demise of Calvinism Among Southern Baptists](#)” in *Founders Journal*
- Spring 1995 Tom Ascol writes, “[Southern Baptists at the Crossroads: Returning to Old Paths](#)” in *Founders Journal*
- Spring 1995 Ernest Reisinger writes, “[What Should We Think of Evangelism and Calvinism?](#)” in *Founders Journal*
- Spring 1995 Timothy George writes, “[Southern Baptist Theology: Whence and Whither?](#)” in *Founders Journal*
- June 1, 1995 Glenn Brown writes, “Salvation for All or Only for the Elect?” in *Baptist Messenger* (Oklahoma state paper)
- July 25-28, 1995 **13<sup>th</sup> 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 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 attacks Calvinism in his article, “[Doctrines Lead to ‘Dunghill Prof Warns’](#)” in *Baptist Standard***
- April 9, 1997 *Baptist Standard*, “Readers Respond to Story on Calvinism” in Letters to the Editor
- April 16, 1997 *Baptist Standard*, “Estep and Calvinism: Against and For” in Letters to the Editor
- April 29, 1997 Dr. Al Mobler writes in *Western Recorder*, “Counterpoint: Calvinism Leads to Renewal in SBC” as rebuttal to Dr. William Estep
- Summer 1997 Dr. Al Mohler responds “[The Reformation of Doctrine and Renewal of the Church](#)”
- Summer 1997 Dr. Roger Nicole responds in [an open letter](#) in *Founders Journal*
- Summer 1997 Tom Ascol responds “[Do Doctrines Really lead to Dunghill?](#)” in *Founders Journal*
- Summer 1997 James White responds “[Doctrines Lead to Solid Biblical Theology](#)”
- May 1997 *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 [Christian Theology](#) republished in one edition (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- 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 [The Other Side of Calvinism](#) by Laurence Vance is published against Calvinism
- November 15, 1999 Dr. Paige Patterson [warns against Calvinism detracting from evangelism](#)
- 2000 [Trouble with TULIP: A Closer Examination of the Five Points of Calvinism](#) by Frank Page published
- 2000 [Amazing Grace: God’s Initiative – Our Response](#) by Timothy George published by LifeWay (ROSE acrostic)
- March 1, 2000 [Still Sovereign: Contemporary Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge, and Grace](#) by Drs. Tom Schreiner and Bruce Ware published as a condensed version of *The Grace of God, The Bondage of the Will* (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 [The Potter’s Freedom](#) 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
- 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** [Chosen but Free](#) (updated) by Norm Geisler is published and calls historical Calvinism "extreme Calvinism"
- August 20, 2001 Baptist Press reports on Dr. Timothy George's book, *Amazing Grace: God's Initiative—Our Response*, "[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 [The Way We Were: How Southern Baptist Theology Has Changed and What It Means to Us](#) by Fisher Humphreys is published where he sees the decline of Calvinism in late 19<sup>th</sup> century not a "defection" but a "triumph"
- July 1, 2002 Mark Wingfield writes, "[Session Explores Different Views of Calvinism](#)" in *Baptist Standard* 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
- April 26, 2004 Steve Hays responds, "[Selective Certainties](#)" on Triablogue

- March 27, 2003 Associated Baptist Press reports, “Calvinism Making a Comeback on Some College Campuses”
- February 4, 2004 [Debating Calvinism](#) by James White and Dave Hunt is published
- February 10, 2004 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)
- February 19, 2004 Baptist Press reports, “[Dockery Voices Common Ground for Calvinists, Arminian Views](#)”
- March 2-4, 2004 Dr. Paige Patterson [preaches \(three messages\) on sovereignty of God and human responsibility](#) at NOBTS chapel (Gurney Lectures on Evangelism)
- March 22, 2004 Phillip E. Thompson writes “[Baptists and ‘Calvinism’](#)” in Baptist History and Heritage
- Spring 2004 Michael E. Williams Sr. writes “[The Influence of Calvinism on Colonial Baptists](#)”
- Spring 2004 Nathan Finn and C. Douglas Weaver write “[Youth for Calvin: Reformed Theology and Southern Baptist Collegians](#)”
- October 1, 2004 [What Love Is This?](#) by Dave Hunt is updated and revised
- April 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](#)”**
- July 27, 2005 Joe Thorn responds, “[Hyper Calvinism Criticism](#)”
- July 28, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, “[President Bobby Welch, Dr. Steve Lemke, Southern Baptists and Calvinism, Part 1](#)”
- July 28, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, “[President Bobby Welch, Dr. Steve Lemke, Southern Baptists and Calvinism, Part 2](#)”
- July 29, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, “[President Bobby Welch, Dr. Steve Lemke, Southern Baptists and Calvinism, Part 3](#)”
- August 1, 2005 Ray Van Neste [responds on Steve Lemke’s article](#)
- August 1, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, “[Final Observations on the Misrepresentations of Bobby Welch and Steve Lemke](#)”

- August 3, 2005 Tom Ascol responds, "[Steve Lemke's Letter and My Response](#)"
- April 19, 2005 Fisher Humphreys gives address, "[Calvinism and Theology Today](#)" at Mercer University where he argues that traditional 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](#)
- September 27, 2005 James White responds [Part I](#)
- September 30, 2005 James White responds [Part II](#)
- October 4, 2005 James White responds [Part III](#)
- October 19, 2005 Timmy Brister contests Graham speaking at SBTS chapel [Part I](#)
- 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](#)**
- July 12, 2005 Don Elbourne responds, "[Johnny Hunt on Election](#)" (Hunt chimes in the comments)
- August 4, 2005 Don Elbourne responds, "[Johnny Hunt, Election, and Matthew 18](#)"
- November 7, 2005 Nathan White responds, "[Johnny Hunt on the Sovereignty of God](#)"
- November 14, 2005 Nathan White responds, "[Hunt Review Continued: Part 2](#)"
- November 17, 2005 Nathan White responds, "[Johnny Hunt Continued: 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Review](#)"
- 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**
- July 21, 2005 Timmy Brister writes, "[Bobby and David Planting TULIPS](#)"
- 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 [addresses “Calvinism and Contradictions”](#) 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 Roy Fish’s sermon “The C-Word” passed out at Preaching Conference in Missouri
- December 7, 2005 Gene Bridges writes, [“Southern Baptist History and Calvinism”](#) Part One: The Sandy Creek Tradition
- December 8, 2005 Gene Bridges writes, [“Southern Baptist History and Calvinism”](#) Part Two: Objections to Sandy Creek Tradition as Staunch Calvinists
- 2006 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of [By His Grace and For His Glory](#) is revised, expanded, and published
- January 30, 2006 Florida pastor, Joel McDuffie Jr. wonders if Calvin is in heaven in an article in *Northwest Florida Daily News*  
 January 30, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, [“Is John Calvin in Heaven?”](#)  
 February 2, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, [“More from Joel McDuffie on John Calvin”](#)  
 February 3, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, [“McDuffie—a Sad Postscript”](#)

- February 2006 [John Connell](#) 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**  
**[1<sup>st</sup> 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, “[The Real Problem](#)”
- February 22, 2006 James White responds, “[Headed Home](#)”
- 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, “[If You Dare Speak Up . . .](#)”
- February 25, 2006 Steve Hays responds, “[A-historical Theology](#)”
- 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, “[Does Omnibenevolence Mean Unibenevolence?](#)”
- May 15, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, “[Update on the Caner ‘debate’](#)”
- 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 White 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](#)"
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- March 2, 2006 Evan May writes, "[Resposne to Elmer Towns Part 1](#)" (what Elmer Towns wrote)
- March 4, 2006 Gene Bridges writes, "[The Sound of One Hand Clapping, a Clanging Cymbal](#)"
- March 9, 2006 Timmy Brister reports, "[Newsflash: The Caner Brothers United with BaptistFire Against Those Evil Calvinists!](#)"
- March 9, 2006** **Malcolm Yarnell gives Founders Day address at SWBTS entitled "[The Heart of a Baptist](#)" again warning of the threat of "Hyper-Calvinism in the SBC"**
- March 11, 2006 Gene Bridges responds, "[More Mixed Signals from the SBC](#)"
- March 12, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "[Malcolm Yarnell's 'The Heart of a Baptist,' Part 1](#)"
- March 13, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "[Malcolm Yarnell's 'The Heart of a Baptist,' Part 2: Is Hyper-Calvinism Really a Problem in the SBC?](#)"
- March 13, 2006 Gene Bridges responds, "[Even More Mixed Messages from the SBC . . .](#)"
- March 14, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "[The Heart of a Baptist Part 3: an Appreciation, a Critique, and a Concern](#)"
- March 15, 2006 Malcolm Yarnell responds, "[Dr. Yarnell's Gracious Response](#)"
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- March 16, 2006 Timmy Brister reports that "[BaptistFire Calls Calvinists Out of the SBC](#)"
- April 2006 Don Cass, director of evangelism of SBTC [sent a packet consisting of Roy Fish's "C-Word" sermon along with a message by Paige Patterson](#) to all SBTC as an attempt to influence Texas pastors against Calvinism

- 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, [“Is Calvinism a threat to the evangelistic fervor of the SBC? Why or why not?”](#) 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

- 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 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 be debated in the academy and not in the churches
- July 23, 2006 Tom Ascol writes, "[Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 1](#)"
- July 24, 2006 Tom Ascol writes, "[Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 2](#)"
- July 25, 2006 Tom Ascol writes, "[Confessional Integrity and Theological Education, Part 3](#)"
- 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 responds, "[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](#)"

- August 14, 2006 Timmy Brister, [“What Is a True Calvinist?”](#)
- August 16, 2006 Timmy Brister, [“What Is a True Calvinist?” Part Two: God-centered Mind and Penitent Spirit](#)
- August 23, 2006 Timmy Brister, [“What Is a True Calvinist?” Part Three: Grateful Heart and Submitted Will](#)
- September 7, 2006 Timmy Brister, [“What Is a True Calvinist?” Part Four: Holy Life and Glorious Ambition](#)
- September 18, 2006 Baptist Press, [“10 Percent of SBC Pastors Call Themselves 5-Point Calvinists”](#)**
- September 18, 2006 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 Lonnie Wilkey, editor *Baptist Reflector* writes article, “Calvinists Have No Sense of Urgency—Jesus Did”
- September 27, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, [“‘Calvinism as I See It’ and the Problems That It Causes”](#)
- September 28, 2006 Timmy Brister responds, [“Same Ole, Same Ole”](#)
- Fall 2006 Gene Bridges writes 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, [“Tabula Predstinationis Bezae Contra Canerum et Pattersonum et Vineum”](#)
- October 11, 2006 Ergun Caner makes the claim, [“Calvinists Are Worse Than Muslims”](#) on his blog
- October 17, 2006 Strange BaptistFire responds to Ergun Caner, [“Ergun Caner ‘turned Romans 9 Upside Down’”](#)
- October 18, 2006 Guest columnist for *Baptist & Reflector* Reggie Weems writes, “Regardless of Position, It is Time for a Cease Fire”

- 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](#)"
- October 31, 2006 Tom Ascol responds, "[SBC Exec Com Chairman on the 'problem of Calvinism' in the SBC](#)"
- November 13, 2006 Bill Curtis responds with [an open letter to Southern Baptists](#) in the *Baptist Courier*
- November 23, 2006 Kurt Smith responds, "[Baptist Identity and Calvinism](#)" in the *Christian Index*
- October 30, 2006 [Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities](#) by Roger Olson published to seemingly correct notions of Arminianism
- November 2006 [Perspective on Election: Five Views](#) edited by Chad Brand published by B&H Academic
- 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](#)"
- November 28, 2006 James White responds, "[A Letter to Nelson Price](#)" and [on his radio show](#) as well
- December 7, 2006 Tom Nettles responds, "[An Historical Perspective of Calvinism](#)" in *The Christian Index*
- January 16, 2007 Strange BaptistFire responds, "[Technically, Sin IS Still the Issue](#)"
- December 3, 2006 Dr. Danny Akin writes a discerning rebuttal entitled "[A Plea for Theological Responsibility and Integrity](#)"
- December 10, 2006 Nathan Finn compilation post of his series, "[What Ails the SBC](#)"
- 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?](#)"
- March 15, 2007 Morris Chapman, CEO of Executive Committee of SBC [interviewed about Calvinism on NOBTS blog](#)

- 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"**
- April 14, 2007 Tom Ascol reports, "[Jerry Falwell's Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Declaration: Limited Atonement Is Heresy](#)"
- April 16, 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 18, 2007 Strange Baptistfire responds, "[Limited Atonement: Practical Ramifications](#)"
- May 23-24, 2007 First [Gospel Coalition Conference](#) held at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School bringing together the evangelical 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](#)"
- June 6, 2007 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 7, 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 Convention](#)"
- June 8, 2007 Associated Baptist Press writes, "[Calvinist Churches Targeted by Florida Baptist Convention](#)"
- 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](#))**
- 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.**

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Additional:

Johnny Hunt Sermon Series: "[The Security and Sureness of Our Salvation](#)" ("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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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