

## A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Nothing humbles or blesses me more than when someone tells me “I/we pray for you every day.” I just can’t get over that. There are so many things people have to pray for—their families, church, other missionaries, salvation of friends, our nation, our own trials and tribulations, etc. How do I merit the time someone takes to pray for me every day, I wonder.

I tell these prayer warriors that I believe them, because ministry and life are all going so well and so much is being accomplished for the Lord. I can’t explain the showers of blessings except that someone had been praying for this heavenly rain on my life and GraceLife’s ministry. Prayer really does move the Hand that moves the world.

With that in mind, I know you will take it seriously when I ask for prayer for the upcoming ministries listed in the itinerary box below.

- Pray for those we train in Ghana to leave with a clear gospel and understanding of biblical truth, but also for the instructors to grow in God’s grace through this ministry experience. Also, we will be preaching in churches, which is always an evangelistic opportunity, so pray for saved and assured souls.
- Pray about the escalating resistance to and persecution of Christians in China and wisdom to know how to adapt to the circumstances we find there in July, and for open doors.
- We really need your prayers about our Burundi ministry, because the country is experiencing civil unrest and violence which may make it unsafe for us to visit. Yet 100 pastors and churches are waiting eagerly for more training in God’s Word.
- And as always, I ask you to pray for God’s 3P’s for us: Provision, Protection, and Power.

Our team members are Tim Hill, Ron Hoffman, Jason Tennison (Ghana), Jon and Peggy Sperling (China), Marvin Effa, Todd Mathis, Ray Young (Burundi).

Knowing you pray emboldens me to follow God where He leads, even though there are often obstacles and dangers. You are the reason for this fruitful season! Thanks so much for your prayers and support.

Until all hear,

*Charlie Bing*

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## Grace Means Go!

June 10 – Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas

June 15-23 – GraceLife Institute, Church Ministry, Ghana

July 8 – GraceLife Church of Pineville, NC

July 16-23 – Beijing, China

August 10-17 – GraceLife Institute, Church Ministry, Burundi

September 2 – Bayside Community Church, Tampa

October 15-17 – Free Grace Alliance Conference, Arlington, TX

October 21-24 – Missions Conference, Calvary Community Church, Tampa



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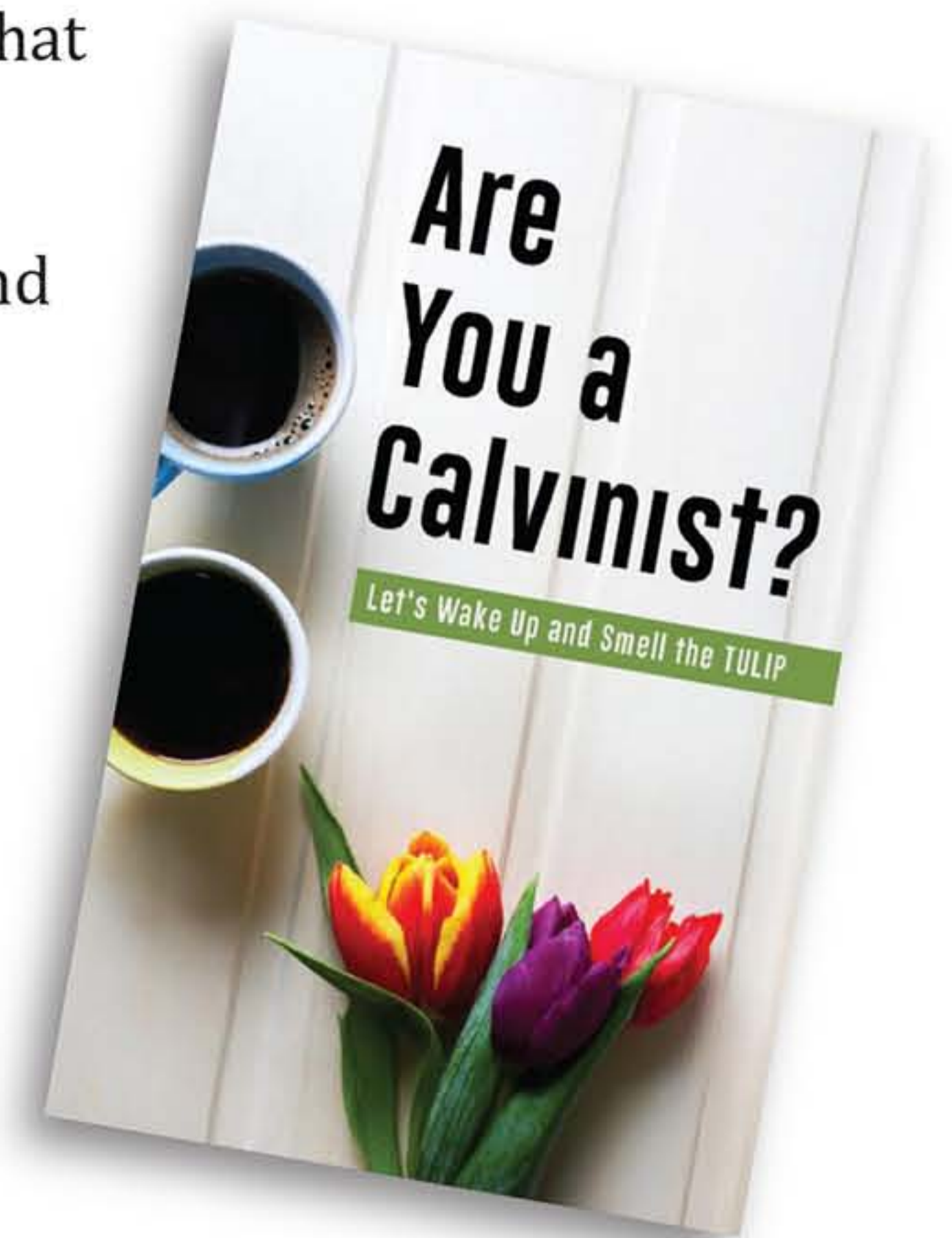
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# UPCLOSE

A TIMELY  
NEW  
RESOURCE!

In 2009, Time magazine named "The New Calvinism" as one of the ten ideas that are changing the World. Indeed they were correct. After many decades as a somewhat obscure religious view, there appeared a wave of "New Calvinists" sometimes called "The Young, Restless, and Reformed." Many of these were and are college-aged young people attracted by the challenging message of full commitment to Christ preached in large well-funded conferences and in a growing crop of books by popular preachers. They now dominate evangelical academics and Christian publishing, are converting churches, and revising organizational doctrinal statements.

Sounds like a good thing, right? What's wrong with a theological viewpoint that espouses God's sovereign control of all things, including our salvation, and that calls for a life of committed discipleship? Well, nothing, except that this radical, five-point (TULIP) Calvinism changes the gospel, undermines assurance of salvation, and misrepresents the Scriptures.



Consider some of the teachings of this "New Calvinism" (which is really just recycled old Calvinism):

- God does not love everyone in the world enough to send Jesus Christ to save them.
- Jesus Christ died to save only those who God chose before time.
- Following this reasoning, many claim that God chose many people for eternal condemnation.
- No one can believe in Christ unless they are one of the elect and are given a new birth by God first.
- If you are elect, then you will believe, because God will give you His faith, which is irresistible.
- If you are not elect, you will still be condemned even though God made it impossible for you to accept His salvation.
- If you are not living a fully committed life, you show that you are not one of the elect.
- You cannot know that you are one of the elect unless your faith and faithfulness continue until the last minute of your life, therefore you cannot have full assurance of salvation now.
- You cannot honestly tell all unbelievers that God loves them, Jesus died for them, or that they can know for sure they are saved, even when they believe in Christ.

## Are You a Calvinist?

Or thinking about it?  
Or know someone else who is?

It's time to wake up  
and smell the TULIP!



Not the flower, but the acronym that explains  
what true Calvinists believe.

After you know what the Calvinist TULIP  
teaches, you can decide if it passes the biblical  
smell test.

In this booklet, you will find a fair and simple  
treatment of the five basic Calvinist beliefs.  
What you do with them is up to you!

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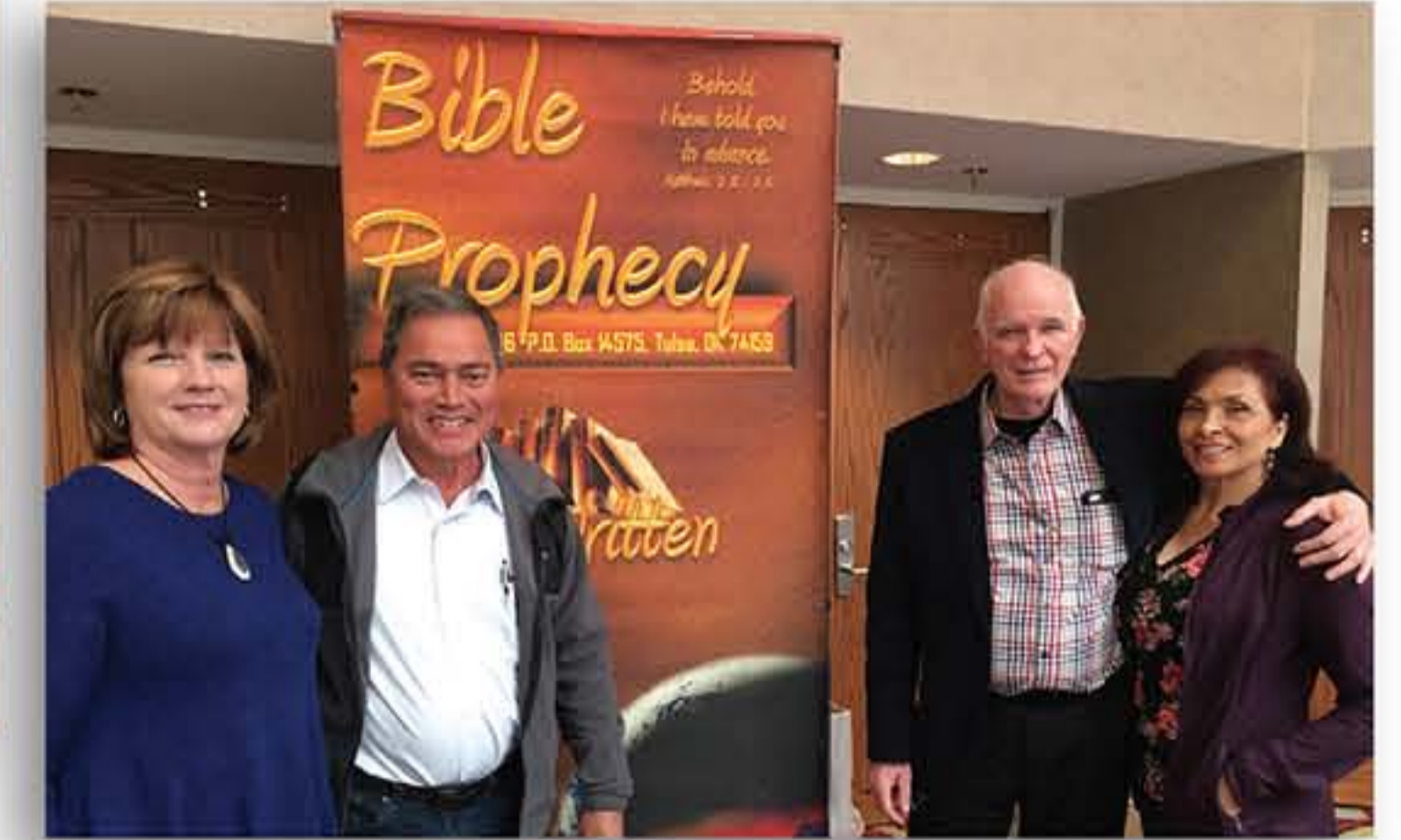
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Many who reject this view are looking for a resource that can help others understand and avoid this unscriptural doctrine. There are some good books available, but books are expensive to give out and sometimes very technical, and many will not read an entire book. This new 30-page booklet can be used to help influence a family member, friend, or church visitor or member who has been influenced by this radical Calvinism. It challenges new (or old) and prospective five-point Calvinists to consider what their TULIP actually teaches and whether it matches the Bible's teaching.

This is a useful tool that will get people thinking, is easy and cost effective to hand out, and irenic in tone. Buy and keep a bunch on hand. Calvinism is coming to a person or church near you! See the bookstore at [GraceLife.org/resources](http://GraceLife.org/resources) or get there faster by scanning this box:



# Ministry in Focus



Left to Right: In March with George and Tina Tripp at Bayside Community Church, Tampa; with Omaha Chinese Christian Church pastors Joseph Chi-Hao Kao (and Deborah), Ryan Kim (and Jungyoon); In April with Phillip and Mary Goodman, Mid-America Prophecy Conference, Tulsa; with J. R. Harris and Rebecca and College group, Redemption Church, Houston; In May with Roger Fankhauser and Pablo Cenepo-Torres, pastors' conference, Peru.

## Encouraging Words

...from New Zealand:

Dear Charlie...my wife and I taught a session at a young adult's camp on the topic of persecution, rewards in heaven and possessing the kingdom from Matt 5:10-12. Before speaking about the cost of discipleship and rewards, I wanted to make the distinction between the free gift of grace and discipleship clear. In distinguishing the two I used "A" truth and "B" truth. Whilst I've previously taught the distinctions, I've now found that adding the terms "A"/"B" truth simplifies things even more for people. It's now so simple to read a verse to people and ask, "A" truth or "B" truth? And people quickly and easily get it, you can see the lights switch on. Thank you, Charlie, for teaching me this.  
Samuel H.



# falling from

# grace

