

unjustly by their Creator. He has withheld from them what he was bound to give ! *

(3) "We believe that in the moment Adam fell, he had no freedom of will left." Of course he could not sin in that state. Transgression without freedom of will is no sin. Then the first effect of Adam's sin was to put himself beyond the possibility of ever sinning any more, unless God would graciously restore to him the power of so doing; *i.e.*, make him a free moral agent again ! Fallen angels, too, according to this dogma, are no longer free agents or capable of sinning. They have no more freedom of will than Adam had. No guilt, therefore, can pertain to any of their devices ! We mistake when we think and speak of them as awfully wicked beings, waxing worse and worse !

(4) "We believe that God, when of his own free grace He gave the promise of a Saviour, graciously restored to mankind liberty and freedom." Then the first effect of grace (for we were graciously restored, notwithstanding it would have been unjust to hold us accountable if we had not been) was to put us in a position in which we might sin ! Left in our fallen state we could not have sinned, but now, by grace, we have the power to do so ! Yea, and we have the power, too, to resist all future grace !

(5) "We believe that in the moment Adam fell he had no freedom of will left." If the race had been left in that state, only Adam and Eve could have been punished ; and they, but for one offence, unless they had been punished for things done after their freedom of will was destroyed. All the rest must have been saved. At least they could not have been lost, as they could have committed no crime without freedom of will. Then it follows that the introduction of the Gospel was a great calamity to the human race : for without it, all except the first pair, would have escaped the miseries of hell ; but now, multitudes will endure it for ever !

(6) "Man's 'self-determining principle' renders it impossible in the very nature of things that the Almighty himself should bring him in and keep him by irresistibly grace."

Then [1] God is dependent on the sinner, not the sinner on God ! [2] When Christians pray that God would keep them by his grace—when they believe that He will keep them, they ask and believe what is, in the very

* With reference to this argument of the *Princeton Review*, it is proper to state that Arminians hold that the knowledge of the Saviour, is not essential to salvation, and that all the sons and daughters of Adam—be they Heathens, Mahometans, Papists or Protestants—are in a condition so far to believe and obey God that they may obtain for themselves everlasting life.