

foreknew all persons, and whom he foreknew he did predestinate, that is, he did predestinate all persons. The result, in this case, is not Calvinism. Yea it is subversive of Calvinism, if, as they contend, the predestination here spoken of is the predestination of them that do not love God, to final and everlasting salvation, and of all the means necessary to this end. If this were so, if all persons that were fore-known were predestinated to this, Universalism, and not Calvinism, is the necessary result.

But this representation is not correct. It makes predestination refer to characters, the very opposite of those to whom it is directly bound by the words of Paul. Instead of making it allude to them that love God, it makes it allude to them that do *not* love him, and that therefore still need salvation. What Paul applies to the renewed, is by them misapplied to the unrenewed and unpardoned, the depraved and the guilty. In proof of this, it is only necessary to quote their Confession of Faith. In the first section under the head of Effectual calling, it says, "All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his word and spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ, &c."

Thus they not only separate the apostle's words, from the characters of whom he spoke, but dare to apply them to the very opposite characters. Having detached predestination from them that love God, they attach it to them that do not love God!

Mark the difficulty in which this wrong-doing involves them. The means necessary for the accomplishment of such an end, as the salvation of the unrenewed, are not found among those specified by the inspired author. His golden chain is several links too short for the final salvation of any one who is in a depraved and guilty state. For instance, it does not contain the link of Redemption by the Son, nor the link of adoption by the Father, nor the link of Sanctification by the Spirit. Wanting these, this golden chain cannot reach down to a single unpardoned and unsanctified individual in the whole human family. For this reason it is of no use whatever, to either the Calvinist or Universalist, as such. Unfit to save even one, it is, of

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