

CHRIST'S SCRIPTURE PROPHECY ON CONTEMPORARY EVANGELICALISM

Part III: Christ's Appraisal Of Evangelicalism As Two, Offensive, Judging Factions

B. Christ's Evaluation Of Evangelicalism Detailed

2. Christ's Exposure Of The Factions' False Doctrines Behind Their False Judgments

(Revelation 3:14, 17b[a,b,c,d,e])

I. Introduction

A. If Christ predicted our current Evangelical era of Church History, we should expect Him to provide a specific, **detailed spiritual evaluation** of our era's believers and their churches with their **unique** needs.

B. Well, Rev. 3:14a, 17b[a,b,c,d,e] is Christ's exposure of the false doctrines behind Evangelicals' problems.

II. Christ's Exposure Of The Factions' False Doctrines Behind Their False Judgments, 3:17b[a,b,c,d,e].

A. As we learned, Christ is appalled at Evangelicalism's **two** factions, (1) Calvinists who extol **doctrine** and (2) Arminians **experience**, factions that **judge** each other in self-exonerating evaluations, cf. Part III, A.

B. After exposing these factions' errant, self-exonerating evaluations of their own false works, Christ noted the false **beliefs** of **both** Calvinism **and** Arminianism that have produced these errant views and works:

1. Jesus complained the Evangelical factions were **each** "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked," (Rev. 3:17b KJV), a **fivefold** description of predicate adjectives connected by "and" that all modify a single subject to a single **interrelated** description of a subject, cf. Blass-Debrunner, A Grk. Gram. of the N.T., p. 240, par. 460; A. T. Robertson, A Gram. of the Grk. N.T., p. 777.
2. Well, Loraine Boettner, The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination, p. 59 reports Calvinism's **five points** of **belief** are "not isolated and independent doctrines, but are . . . inter-related . . ." (sic)
3. Also, these five adjectives in **order** critique the **five points** of **Calvinism** not to mention the **five points** of **Arminianism**. We detail this extensively in our previous study, "Examining Contested Reformed Theology Beliefs," Part III, A-E, and we **very briefly** recall that study's **results** as follows:
 - a. "Wretched" - we found this word critiques Calvinism and Arminianism on their views of **depravity**. We saw these errors have led believers to live spiritually sinful lives in the power of the sin nature.
 - b. "Miserable" - we found this word critiques Calvinism and Arminianism on their views of **election**. We saw this error has led to a godless preoccupation with this present life, producing worldliness.
 - c. "Poor" - we found this word critiques Calvinism and Arminianism on their views of **faith**, and also critiques Calvinism's assertion of **limited atonement**. We saw these errors led to faithless living.
 - d. "Blind" - we found this word critiques Calvinism and Arminianism on their errant views of the **Holy Spirit's convicting work**. We saw these led to a failure to lean on the Spirit for discernment.
 - e. "Naked" - we found this word critiques Calvinism and Arminianism on their errant views of **salvation security**. We saw these errors led to a tendency to be led to join in unholy alliances.

C. We now can summarize Christ's Rev. 3:17a,b message, that holding to Calvinist-Arminian views has produced the following errant **ministry** results, let alone errant self-exonerating **evaluations** of them:

1. By applying errant Calvinist or Arminian beliefs, we Evangelical pastors have turned to living by the sinful nature, being worldly, failing to trust God, being doctrinally blind and being deceived unto joining in godless unions. We have thus failed to expound Scripture in favor of mouthing popular, errant beliefs to keep our jobs and income, and **judged** all was fine if **job** and **income** were safe!
2. By applying errant Calvinist or Arminian beliefs, we Evangelical pastors and laymen have turned to living by the sinful nature, being worldly, failing to trust God, being doctrinally blind and being deceived unto joining in godless unions. We have thus failed to discern or address sin in ourselves or others, harming holiness in the Church, and **judged** all was fine if ministry **externals** were **thriving**!
3. By applying errant Calvinist or Arminian beliefs, we Evangelical leaders and laymen have turned to living by the sinful nature, being worldly, failing to trust God, being doctrinally blind and being deceived unto joining in godless unions. We have thus leaned on human effort for outreach, producing futile long-term outreach results, and **judged** all was fine if we were **busy** in evangelizing **efforts**!

Lesson: *Evangelical Calvinist and Arminian doctrinal beliefs are fully leavened with error, and applied to living, yield fruitless ministries and abhorrent, self-exonerating evaluations of our ministry efforts!*

Application: ***WE** Evangelicals must get **HUMBLE** and **REPENT** of our Calvinist or Arminian **beliefs**!*