A Chronological Survey of the Calvinism/Arminianism Controversy in the SBC  
Researched and Compiled by Timmy Brister

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The Timeline of Events:

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Summer 1983 Founders Ministries begins

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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


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.

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
Tom Nettles writes, “The Rise and Demise of Calvinism Among Southern Baptists” in *Founders Journal*

Tom Ascol writes, “Southern Baptists at the Crossroads: Returning to Old Paths” in *Founders Journal*

Ernest Reisinger writes, “What Should We Think of Evangelism and Calvinism?” in *Founders Journal*

Timothy George writes, “Southern Baptist Theology: Whence and Whither?” in *Founders Journal*

Glenn Brown writes, “Salvation for All or Only for the Elect?” in *Baptist Messenger*

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Presnall Wood writes, “Nothing Wrong with ‘Whosoever Will’” in *Baptist Standard*

Dwayne Hastings writes, “Calvinist or Arminian? Argument Empty, Vines Says” (Jerry Vines that is)

“The Ascent of Lost Man in Southern Baptist Preaching” by Dr. Mark Coppenger

Fisher Humphreys writes “Southern Baptists and Calvinism” in *Theological Educator*

Dr. William Estep attacks Calvinism in his article, “Doctrines Lead to ‘Dunghill Prof Warns’” in *Baptist Standard*

Dr. Al Mohler responds “The Reformation of Doctrine and Renewal of the Church” as rebuttal to Dr. William Estep

Dr. Roger Nicole responds in an open letter in *Founders Journal*

Tom Ascol responds “Do Doctrines Really lead to Dunghill?” in *Founders Journal*

James White responds “Doctrines Lead to Solid Biblical Theology”

Baptist Banner (VA) has article by Tom Ascol, “A Response to Dr. William Estep’s Article ‘Doctrines Lead to Dunghill’”

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*

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*

November 20, 1997  
*Baptist Record* article, “Baptist Calvinism Debate Stirring Anew”

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 (2nd 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
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<td>June 19, 1999</td>
<td><em>World</em> 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</td>
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<td><em>The Other Side of Calvinism</em> by Laurence Vance is published against Calvinism</td>
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<td>IX Marks Ministries begins</td>
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<td><em>Amazing Grace: God’s Initiative – Our Response</em> by Timothy George published by LifeWay (ROSE acrostic)</td>
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<td><em>Still Sovereign: Contemporary Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge, and Grace</em> by Drs. Tom Schreiner and Bruce Ware published as a condensed version of <em>The Grace of God, The Bondage of the Will</em> (2 vol.)</td>
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<td>Ernest Reisinger asks, “Will Calvinism Kill Evangelism?” in <em>Founders Journal</em></td>
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<td>Mark Wingfield writes, “Co-Founder of SBC Takeover Willing to Tolerate Calvinism” against Dr. Mohler in Associated Baptist Press</td>
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<td>October 2000</td>
<td><em>God So Loved the World</em> by Fisher Humphreys is published and centers its attack on Calvinism</td>
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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”


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)

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 19th century not a “defection” but a “triumph”

**January 13, 2003**  Dr. Elmer Towns, dean at Liberty University, writes against doctrines of grace and Dr. Mohler


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)
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 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”


June 12, 2005  Dr. Jack Graham, Pastor of Prestonwood 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 17, 2005  Nathan White responds, “Johnny Hunt Continued: 3rd 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**

**October 12, 2005**  
**Tom Ascol reports on Bailey Smith’s “Save-a-soul-a-month ministry” and scrutinizes the results**

**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”**

**November 29, 2005**  
**Roy Fish’s sermon “The C-Word” passed out at Preaching Conference in Missouri**

**2006**  
**20th 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

Correspondence Between James White and Ergun Caner

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 16, 2006  Gene Bridges responds, “The Real Problem”
February 22, 2006  James White responds, “Headed Home”
February 24, 2006  James White responds, “If You Dare Speak Up . . .”
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”
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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 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”

March 2, 2006  Evan May writes, “Response 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 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”
March 16, 2006  Timmy Brister reports that “BaptistFire Calls Calvinists Out of the SBC”
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 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 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 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

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?”


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 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”
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October 31, 2006 Strange BaptistFire responds, “Was the Death of Christ a Failure?”
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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*

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 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 13th Declaration: Limited Atonement Is Heresy”

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)

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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. 17th 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
3. Church Growth Movement/Pragmatism
4. Liberal Theology in the Seminaries
5. Decisional Regeneration and Evangelistic Practices of Billy Graham