

# WHY CALVINISM?



# CALVINISM IS A REACTION

- The Protestant Reformation was a reaction to Catholic corruption.
- They cried out for Bible authority, Christ as the *only* true head of the church, the priesthood of all believers, and the need for continual reformation of the church.
- There was also a claim of salvation by faith and NOT works.
- It again gained popularity in the late 1800s.
- It has once more risen up in the last couple of decades.

# WHAT IS SO APPEALING

- People are tired of being told it is all about themselves (Psa. 29:1-2, 9).
- People want to actually study the Bible (Jn. 14:13-14).
- They want to hear someone speak with some authority (Mk. 1:22).
- Modern Calvinists are preaching some hard truths.
- People want someone who is serious and passionate about what they are saying (Rom. 9:1-3).

# ROOM FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

- These kinds of people are out there and they are looking.
- Let's seek out those who are seeking (Jn. 4:35-36).
- Keep preaching truth to a world that seems to be rejecting it and find that remnant (Acts 2:41).
- There is hope to be found in a world growing darker (Matt. 5:14-15).