

The Journey

There are a great many doctrines that come to play when mankind gets its fingers into the equation, as the apostle Peter wrote: “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen” (2 Pet. 3:14-18). In like manner, the apostle Paul stated: “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Cor. 11:13-15). As for our time, “But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Pet. 2:1-2). False teachers, who shall bring in destructive heresies: i.e. “properly a *choice*, that is, (specifically) a *party* or (abstractly) *disunion*: - heresy [which is the Greek word itself], sect.” These false teachers would express heresies and thereby create disunion and develop a sect: “and many shall follow their lascivious doings” (2 Pet. 2:2).

This endeavor will consider some of the heresies that were developed over the past two thousand years, but more specifically the last seventeen hundred years. The doctrines under consideration will include Catholicism, Protestantism: Calvinism (John Calvin), Arminians (Jacob Arminis), Methodism (John and Charles Wesley), Free-Will Baptist (Jacob Arminius), Reformed Baptist (Calvin), Presbyterian (John Knox, Calvin), Anabaptist, Lutheran (Martin Luther). These denominations will not be singled out as per denomination, but as per doctrine and practice. ret