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QUESTIONS

1. What is soteriology?
2. Who rivaled predestination or Calvinist theology?
3. What is Calvinism?
4. What is Arminianism?
5. What is free will?

Answers

1. *The study of creation or as a Christian the study of salvation.*
2. *Jacob Arminius*
3. *The belief in the grace of God and the doctrine of predestination and election.*
4. *The belief in the sovereignty of God and free will*
5. *The ability to act at one's own discretion, without constraint*

TERMS

Redemptive History or *historia salutis* - The story of salvation, the outworking of His covenantal plan

Order of Salvation or *ordo salutis* - the logical sequence of events for when salvation is applied to the individual

Foreknown *proginōskō* - God knew in advance who would be saved because God predestined them toward salvation

SUMMARY

The Gospel of Salvation spoke to the importance of studying salvation or soteriology. In each section Bird articulated the process, the order, and the history of salvation. The order of salvation known as *ordo salutis* was the origin of Abrahamic covenantal theology until Christ's salvific theology. The process of salvation has various interpretations but the two kings of the discussion are those we deem Calvinists and Arminianists. Calvinists believe that the work of grace from God's predestination and foreknowledge are prerequisite orders of salvation. Whereas Arminianists see salvation through grace but the human has a role in free will acceptance of Christ's *gracious initiative* (Shellrude).