

did not punish it, but the Scripture always represents God as ~~w~~ sorrowing over sin, as sorrowing over the necessity of punishing men for their sin, never of glorying in the fact that the wicked must suffer for their sin. But this is what has driven more people into a misunderstanding of Calvinism than anything else - is their getting the impression that Calvinism means believing such a thing as that. And when Gomar taught, or at least his followers believed that he was teaching that which made God the author of evil, and which made God to have intentionally created the wicked in order that they might glorify Him through suffering for their sins, it naturally aroused a reaction.

We'll mention now a small c.      Supra and infralapsarianism

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And lapsus (?)      is the Latin for "fall." It relates to the English word "lapse." And so "supra-lapsarianism" means ~~above the fall~~ "above the fall," and "infra" "below the fall," and they are not properly chronological but logical in the way ~~it~~ they ~~is~~ are intended by those who use them. And personally I incline very strongly toward the supra-lapsarianism view rightly understood, ~~but~~ but not understood the way Gomar took it. The supra-lapsarianism view, as I understand it, is that ~~God~~ God determined to create and bring into existence those who would love and enjoy Him forever, those who would be holy people, worthy to have fellowship with ~~Him~~ God through all eternity, and that therefore He created humanity in order that this result could be achieved of having such people through all eternity. And that God ~~being~~ not desiring machines, but desiring beings with personality and will, and individuality, did not make machines that He would press a button and they would do what He said, but made human beings with a ~~xx~~ spirit that could voluntarily choose to follow Him or to disobey Him, and doing so, inevitably there is the possibility that they will ~~also~~ disobey Him. And therefore, God having created human beings for the purpose of having those who will honor Him through all eternity, and who will live holy lives through all eternity, God having done this there is inevitably the possibility that man will choose to fall, to turn away