

The Pendulum of Evangelistic Concern in the Church

Beware of the preacher, theologian, Bible teacher, etc., who is not content to let the pendulum hang from the center of Scripture and swings it one way or the other.

When Scripture is taken at face value the pendulum will naturally hang under the Word

**HUMAN REASONING,
EMOTIONS,
PLUS SCRIPTURE**

**PHILOSOPHY,
TRADITION,
PLUS SCRIPTURE**



◀ **The spectrum of Scripture** ▶

One can be scriptural and still in error if they do not rightly divide.

SCRIPTURE ALONE

**OVER-EMPHASIS ON
THE FREE WILL OF MAN**

**OVER-EMPHASIS ON
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

A tendency to constantly change doctrine or ignore it

Can lead to either license or piety, i.e., a disregard for holy living or a legalistic system of self-righteousness

Over-emphasis on emotions and human reasoning to the neglect of Scripture

Often leads to a social gospel (Civil duties, social causes, etc.)

Relative morality (Good works replace Christ)

**A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE
(PAUL'S GOSPEL)**

Sovereignty of God and free will of man emphasized

Stresses conversion through personal acceptance of the message of the Cross as true and relevant to all individuals (see I Cor. 1:18-21)

**A SIMPLE MESSAGE THAT IS
DIFFICULT FOR MAN TO ACCEPT**
(I Cor. 15:3-4; cf. Rom. 3:20-26; II Cor. 5:18-21; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5, etc.)

Believes that a strong stand on all essential doctrines is vital to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ!!! (I Tim. 1; 3; II Tim. 2:1-2; 3:16-17)

Understanding the grace gospel should produce the desire to live pleasing to God (II Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-15; 3:7-8)

A tendency to attempt to force adherence to God's law and/or "conversion"

Often becomes hostile and intolerant of other views, even on minor issues

Over-emphasis on church history and tradition to the neglect of Scripture

Often leads to a kingdom gospel (reconstructionism, dominion theology, etc.)
Enforced morality (Good works replace Christ)