

**Is Calvinism Biblical: *Perseverance of the Saints* (Chapters 11-12)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Calvinism's Five Points** (never stated by Calvin himself, but only by those claiming to follow him)

<b>T</b> = Total Depravity (Inability)	Man is dead, totally incapable of believing
<b>U</b> = Unconditional Election	God randomly picked who would (would not) be saved
<b>L</b> = Limited Atonement	Jesus only died for those God picked for salvation
<b>I</b> = Irresistible Grace	God irresistibly causes all (whom He picked) to believe
<b>P</b> = Preservation of Saints	All the elect are eternally secure
<b>P</b> = <b>Perseverance of Saints</b>	All true believers persevere to end in faith/good works

**A major problem with TULIP theology is that it is really \_\_\_\_\_ theology**

**Calvinism teaches eternal security [preservation] of the elect, but no one know if he/she is elect**

**Most of Christendom (Calvinists, Arminians, and Catholics) accepts the following syllogism:**

- Major premise: All who will be in heaven persevere to the end of life in faith/good works  
Minor premise: No one can know if he/she will persevere to the end of life in faith/good works  
Conclusion: No one can know if he/she will be in heaven

**The following converts this into a true syllogism:**

- Major premise: All highly rewarded believers persevere to the end of life in faith/good works  
Minor premise: No one can know if he/she will persevere to the end of life in faith/good works  
Conclusion: No believer can know if he/she will be highly rewarded

**The Bible [properly interpreted] gives 100% assurance to believers**

(That assurance can be lost, but the believer is secure regardless)

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