

Is Calvinism Biblical: *Preservation of the Saints* (Chapters 9-10)

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INTRODUCTION

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

T = Total Depravity (Inability)	Man is dead, totally incapable of believing
U = Unconditional Election	God randomly picked who would (would not) be saved
L = Limited Atonement	Jesus only died for those God picked for salvation
I = Irresistible Grace	God irresistibly causes all (whom He picked) to believe
P = Perseverance of Saints	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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