



PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

The Doctrine of John Calvin

TULIP Doctrine

- Total Hereditary Depravity – Flesh is evil, cannot obey God
- Unconditional Election – God's predetermined elect
- Limited Atonement – Christ's blood only covers the sins of the elect
- Irresistible Grace – if elected, cannot reject salvation
- Perseverance of the Saints – no sin condition can cause one to be lost

The Doctrine

- Calvinism says “Those whom God hath justified and sanctified, He will also glorify; consequently, the regenerated soul will never totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”
- Stated another way, “No child of God can sin to the degree to be lost eternally.”
- The perseverance of the saints does not depend on man’s free will, but on the love of God and intercession of Jesus Christ

The Disconnect

- Being chosen by God does not secure eternal salvation – Eph 1:4; Ex 4:24; Num 20:12
- Fleshly sins war against the soul – 1 Pet 2:11
- Becoming a believer is a process – John 5:24
- Multiple warnings of apostasy – 1 Tim 4:1; Gal 5:4; 1 Cor 10:12

The Distinction

- The sheep must hear the Shepherd – John 10:27
- His children are to obey Him – Heb 5:9
- We must remain sound in the doctrine of Christ – 2 john 9
- Finish in faith! – 2 Tim 4:6-8