
ONCE SAVED...ALWAYS SAVED

Introduction:

- 1) This doctrine is **POPULAR**.
- 2) This doctrine is **PREVALENT**.
 - a) Calvin's **TULIP**:
 - i) **T**—Total depravity.
 - ii) **U**—Unconditional selection.
 - iii) **L**—Limited atonement.
 - iv) **I**—Irresistible grace.
 - v) **P**—Perseverance of the saints.
 - b) It makes life easy.
- 3) This doctrine is **PHONY**.



I. **A definition:**

A. David N. Steele and Cutis C. Thomas: The Five Points of Calvinism Defined, Defended, Documented:

“The Westminster Confession of Faith gives the following statement of this doctrine: ‘The whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace: but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved’”

B. Sam Morris: Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?

“We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul...all the sins [the Christian] may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger.”

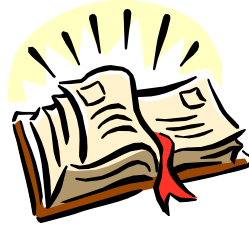
C. *At least they were consistent.*

II. **A danger:**

A. Romans 6:1-2.

B. 1John 1:7.

C. If the doctrine were true, then why live righteously?



III. **A destruction: *The Galatians:***

A. **Galatians 1:6** — “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel...”

B. **Galatians 3:2** — “This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

C. **Galatians 3:3** — “Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”

D. **Galatians 3:5** — “Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?”

E. **Galatians 5:4** — “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”

F. **Galatians 5:19-21** — “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Conclusion:

1) The Bible does teach: **Once a Christian, always a Christian.**

a) What does a non-Christian have to do to be saved?

b) What does an erring Christian have to do to be saved?



2) **The doctrine of ‘once in grace, always in grace’ is false.**