

The Doctrines of Grace #13

Study Handout – Grace Bible Chapel

Calvinism – Irresistible Grace cont... & Perseverance of the Saints

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Introduction:

Arguments for Irresistible Grace

Based on man's revealed condition:

Based on God's revealed purpose:

Based on the necessity for God to act:

Based on the focus of the prayers of God's people:

Arminian arguments in opposition to this doctrine:

a. God has given free will to men to choose to believe God without any overpowering intervention from God.

b. God does not force Himself on anyone.

c. Effectual calling excludes human responsibility.

d. Effectual calling makes a mockery of passages that call on men to believe and choose.

e. Passages that address men rejecting the Holy Spirit.

f. It is the opposite of grace to force the gift of 'grace' upon anyone.

Point #5 - Perseverance of the Saints

A Comparison of Arminianism with Calvinism – Point Five

Arminianism	Calvinism
<p data-bbox="293 262 557 294">Falling from Grace</p> <p data-bbox="139 298 761 363">Those who believe and are truly saved can lose their salvation by failing to maintain their faith.</p> <p data-bbox="139 399 797 531">Not all who are Arminian agree on this point; some hold that all who have once believed are eternally secure in Christ or that once a sinner is regenerated, he can never be lost.</p>	<p data-bbox="951 262 1325 294">Perseverance of the Saints</p> <p data-bbox="821 298 1479 531">All who are chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and given faith by the Spirit are and will be eternally saved. They are kept in their faith by the power of Almighty God and thus will not only maintain their faith but persevere through whatever trials or difficulties come in this life to this life's end.</p>

Scriptures teaching “eternal security”

- o John 6:37-39 – “lose nothing” not one.
- o John 10:27-30 – no one snatch them” closes all possibility.
- o John 17:24 – Son’s request must be granted. It is a prayer of equals.
- o Rom 5:8-10 – lesser to greater argument.
- o Rom 8:28-30 – the chain unbroken & impossible to break ending in glory.
- o Rom 8:35-39 – the exhaustive list of all possibilities.
- o 1 Cor 1:7-8 – “will confirm you to the end.”
- o Eph 1:13-14; 4:30 – “sealed” mark of ownership protected by God’s seal
- o Phil 1:6 – God will complete the work begun
- o 1 Pet 1:5 – protected by God’s power
- o Jude 1 – “kept for Jesus Christ”

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Key Points:

Passages that seem to teach loss of salvation:

Conclusion:
