

# The Doctrines of Grace #14

Study Handout – Grace Bible Chapel

## **Calvinism – Perseverance of the Saints & Questions**

*October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### **Point #5 - Perseverance of the Saints** continued...

#### **A Comparison of Arminianism with Calvinism – Point Five**

<b>Arminianism</b>	<b>Calvinism</b>
<p data-bbox="297 478 553 510"><b>Falling from Grace</b></p> <p data-bbox="142 514 760 577">Those who believe and are truly saved can lose their salvation by failing to maintain their faith.</p> <p data-bbox="142 615 797 745">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="951 478 1325 510"><b>Perseverance of the Saints</b></p> <p data-bbox="821 514 1479 745">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>

### **Introduction:**

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### **Passages that seem to teach loss of salvation:**

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### **Conclusions:**

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**Submitted Questions:**

I know that the bold preaching of the Doctrines of Grace is not incompatible with bold calls for personal repentance (the ministry of Charles Spurgeon comes to mind), but I have noticed a tendency towards hyper-Calvinism in young people raised under good doctrinal preaching. Before I was saved, I rested in the belief that if God did not intend to save me, I couldn't do anything about that, and in the off chance He *did* intend to save me then it would be all His work and not my own doing anyway. Because of this I hardened my heart to the Gospel and blamed God that I was not a Christian, and I have seen the same thing happen with other young people I know. How do we teach God's sovereignty without allowing people to use their inability as an excuse for rejecting Christ?

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How does Calvinism change how I present the Gospel to my children?

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In light of the imminent return of Christ how can we (especially younger people) pursue holiness and separation from the world?

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Are the following phrases inaccurate? God loves you. Jesus died for you.

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There are so many people who are so sweet and sincere in their religion and use the same language that Christians do but are either part of an apostate church or a Christian cult or hold to some form of heretical doctrine. How should we think about these people who claim to believe in the same Christ we do but are part of a group that rejects Biblical truth? And how are we to respond to the huge ecumenical push that is trying to smooth over doctrinal differences in the name of love?

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If one of the children struggles with assurance, how do you counsel them without telling them: I know you are saved?

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