

The I of the Tulip

I – Irresistible Grace

Calvin meant that God simply forces people to be saved. Again, there is no such thing as irresistible grace in the Bible. Nowhere does the word irresistible appear before the word grace. It is a philosophy of John Calvin, not a biblical doctrine. Grace is “God’s unmerited favor.” God’s riches at Christ’s expense. If Calvin had talked about the irresistible drawing power of God, that would be more logical. However, Calvin represents grace as the irresistible act of God compelling a man to be saved who does not want to be saved, so that a man has no choice in the matter, except as God forcibly puts a choice in his mind. However, scripture clearly shows that men do resist God.

Proverbs 29:1 (KJB) “He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”

Notice the word “often” in this verse? If God only provided one opportunity to be saved, then we could not complain. But scripture says we are often reproved.

John 5:40 (KJB) “And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.” and John 1:12 (KJB) “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

This verse teaches that men can and do resist God. God doesn’t force anyone to accept Him. Imagine if you had no choice and were forced to do something beyond your control, how much love does that require?

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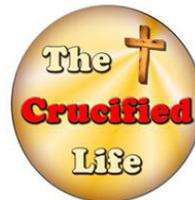
P – Perseverance of the Saints

The Bible teaches eternal security for the born again believer. When we trust Jesus, we have everlasting life and will never perish. But our eternal security does not depend on perseverance. I know of no Bible verse that supports this faulty teaching. There are many verses that teach we are preserved. Perseverance and Preservation are two mutually exclusive thoughts.

Jude 1 (KJB) “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.

When we can fruits and vegetables in jars they are preserved. When later the jar is opened and we eat the preserves they are as good as the day they are canned. But did the contents have anything to do with the process? Were the contents preserved, or did they persevere? Read also: **1 Peter 1:4-5, John 10:27-29, Ephesians 4:30**

Scripture makes it clear that we are kept, preserved.



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The T of Tulip

T - By Total Inability

Calvin meant that a lost person cannot come to Jesus and trust Him as Saviour unless he is foreordained to come to Christ. Calvin meant that no man has the ability to come to Christ. God must provide that ability, and if God does not that person is helplessly lost forever.

The heart of man is totally depraved as found in (**Jeremiah 17:9**). The Bible teaches we have a depraved heart but nowhere does it teach total inability. The exact language that Jesus uses is this **John 5:40 (KJB)** *“And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.”* Jesus does not say it is a matter of IF you can come to Christ; rather it is a matter of whether you **WILL** come to Christ. What stands between the sinner and salvation is the sinner’s will. God made every man a free moral individual. Here is a Calvinist proof text – **John 6:44 (KJB)** *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

The Bible makes it clear in **John 12:32** that Jesus Christ will draw all men to Himself. All men are drawn to Christ, but not all will trust Him as savior. Every man makes his own decision to trust or reject Him.

All men have the light and every sinner in creation has been called and has the knowledge of salvation.

The U of the Tulip

U – Unconditional Election

Calvin meant that some are elected to Heaven, while others are elected to Hell, and that this election is unconditional, you have no choice. It is entirely of God’s part and without condition. Calvin meant that God has already decided who will be saved and who will be lost, and you have absolutely nothing to say in this matter. Imagine, if your still young and having a family your unborn child may be doomed to Hell with no other choice. You can only hope that you are elected.... This obviously disagrees with the multitude of invitations on the bible for sinners to come to Christ and be saved.

The Bible does not teach that God wills some to go to Heaven and others to Hell. The Bible teaches in **2 Peter 3:9 (KJB)** *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

John 3:36 (KJB) *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Unconditional Election is simply not a scriptural doctrine.

The L of the Tulip

L- – Limited Atonement

The intent of Limited Atonement for Calvin was that Christ died only for the elect, those who would be saved and go to Heaven. Jesus did not die for those who were going to Hell. Nowhere in the Bible do we find a verse that supports this teaching. Actually, there are many verses that completely contradict this teaching. There is no person on earth that can say that Jesus Christ didn’t want to be their savior.

1 John 2:2 (KJB) *“And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”* and **1 Timothy 2:5-6 (KJB)** *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”*

If we look back at the Old Testament it also teaches that Jesus Christ died for all men: **Isaiah 53:6 (KJB)** *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

Notice in the above verse the first “all” speaks of the universal fact of sin and the second “all” speaks of universal atonement. These “alls” have you covered...

The death of Jesus Christ was sufficient for all, but it is efficient only to those who believe.