

## CALVINISM AND ARMINIANISM #9 - PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

### HEBREWS 6:4-6

Calvinists teach that God preserves the elect, so they persevere to the end. Therefore, no "chosen" person will ever be lost.

#### I. ETERNAL SECURITY

A. Our Statement of Faith: We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power by the sealing of the Holy Spirit and are thus secure in Christ forever.

1. No wise cast them out - JOHN 6:37-40
2. No man able to pluck them out - JOHN 10:27-30
3. No separation from Him - ROMANS 8:1,38-39
4. Confirmed UNTO (not AT) the end - 1 COR. 1:4-8
5. Hath begotten/reserved in Heaven - 1 PETER 1:3-5

B. When were you Saved? (Looks to past only)

1. The question often asked among Christians
2. Man is a triune being / Died a triune death
  - a. Spirit death - GEN. 2:17
  - b. Soul death - GEN. 3:9
  - c. Body death - GEN. 5:5
3. Salvation is a triune RESURRECTION!
  - a. Spiritual "resurrection" - EPH. 2:1
  - b. Soul sanctification - 2 COR. 5:17
  - c. Body glorification - 1 COR. 15:52

#### II. PERSEVERANCE?

A. Defined: Persistence in anything undertaken; continued pursuit or prosecution of any business or enterprise begun; applied alike to good or evil.

1. Creates two HUGE grammatical problems:
  - a. FIRST: They say saints but MEAN elect
  - b. SECOND: Should be FOR not OF
2. Jesus did the work not us - JOHN 19:30

B. Nobody need wait to find out if they are Saved

1. We have a "know-so" Salvation - I JOHN 5:13
2. Open to "whosoever will"

C. Remember: Elect/Predestined refer to RESULTS

1. After we heard and trusted - EPH. 1:11-14
2. Repentance and faith are the only pre-requisites

Conclusion: All who choose to RECEIVE SALVATION by accepting God's Gift are kept by God and sealed with His Holy Spirit. None who are Saved will ever be lost or go to Hell.