1 – “If…” Addressing Calvinism – TULIP –

**Irresistible Grace**

2 - **False Doctrines Often Focus On Lack Of Choice & Accountability**

* Calvinism has five principal tenets:
1. **Total Hereditary Depravity.**
2. **Unconditional Election.**
3. **Limited Atonement.**
4. **Irresistible Grace.**
5. **Perseverance of the Saints.**

3 - **Perseverance Of The Saints**

* **If God created us corrupt and the individually determined who would receive His grace and who would not, would it not follow that those who were selected to be saved (aside from their will) COULD NOT fall away from that grace because of their will?**
* **“Once saved, always saved”**

4 - **Why Is Perseverance Of The Saints Erroneous? Because…**

* **There are too many warnings about falling away.** (Galatians 6:1; 1 Corinthians 10:12;
Hebrews 3:12; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 3:17)
* **Christians can “come short”** of His rest. (Hebrews 4:1; 12:15)
* **We can fall away!** (1 Timothy 4:1; Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 6:4-6)
* **Some have fallen away**! (Acts 8:13-24; 2 Tim 4:10)

5 - **We Can & Will Persevere… If…**

* **We continue in the faith.** (Colossians 1:22-23)
* **Keep growing, learning & working.** (2 Peter 1:8-11; 3:17-18; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
* **Maintain our zeal for what is “good”.** (1 Peter 3:13-16)
* **We endure and don’t grow weary**. (2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 3:13-14; 10:36ff)
* **We walk in the light and confess our sins**. (1 John 1:7-9)

6 - **We Must Persevere!**

* **In paying close attention to teaching God’s word.** (1 Timothy 4:16)
* **In doing good**. (Romans 2:7)
* **Through suffering.** (Romans 5:3-4)
* **Because of what we hope for.** (Romans 8:25)
* **By looking to scriptures for encouragement.** (Romans 15:4)

7 – **No Place To Quit… We Must Persevere…**

* **Even when tired and weary…**
* **Even when tempted and tried…**
* **Even when suffering for righteousness…**
* **Even when we have failed…**
* **Even when we’re alone…**

**8 - Why Are Some Saved? Because many…**

* **Are simply willing. (Matt. 16:24; 22:3; John 7:17; Rev. 22:17)**
* **Will listen/pay attention. (Acts 22:22; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 2:1)**
* **Undistracted. (Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 6:25-33; Luke 8:14)**
* **Don’t procrastinate. (Luke 13:23-25)**
* **Have saving faith. (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Timothy 4:10)**
* **Will heed or obey. (Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 1:8; Heb. 5:9)**
* **Will endure. (Luke 21:19; 2 Tim. 2:12; Hebrews 10:36; 12:1)**