

## The Subtle Deception about Irresistible Grace

The Extreme View – Luke 14:23 – compel – **The Hyper-Calvinist will say** that God compels and forces you – John 6:37, 44 – but that doesn't negate John 12:32-33 – they say there is a general call from God, and then an effectual call that is irresistible.

## The Scriptural Truth about Irresistible Grace

The Balanced View – The grace of God is resistible – Prov. 1:24-28 – God calls over and over and so many people say NO! And one of these days, they are going to have a problem, when they decide to call upon Him and He WILL NOT answer, if one refuses Him now during their day of grace – Isa. 65:12; 66:4; Mat. 23:37; John 5:39-40; Acts 7:51.

## The Subtle Deception about Perseverance of the Saints

The Extreme View – The entire structure of **Hyper-Calvinism** is based upon Speculation instead of Exposition. Mat. 24:13; 1 John 2:18-19. Perseverance – the elect will endure to the end and be saved. This makes assurance of Salvation impossible because the only way you can be sure you are saved is if you endure to the end. **You can endure your salvation if you want to, but I'm going to enjoy mine!**

**The Hyper-Calvinists** believe that no one is sure or not if they are the Elect, and the only way they can be sure is if they endure to the end. Both the Calvinists and the Arminians base their assurance on Sanctification (works), compromising the grace of God. I don't identify with either group, I'm a "middle-of-the-road" Independent Baptist! Their points of view lead to what is known as "Lordship Salvation" and it compromises Salvation by Grace alone through Faith alone! They say if you don't live up to a certain standard then you aren't saved. The basis of our assurance is not Sanctification, but Justification! **Justification – the legal act whereby God declares the sinner righteous through Jesus Christ!** NOW, once we are justified, we learn that we have been predestinated to Sanctification by being conformed to the image of His Son, but our works have nothing to do with going to Heaven or Hell someday – the ONLY way any of us can go to Heaven is solely based on the FINISHED WORK of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary!

## The Scriptural Truth about Preservation of the Saints (Assurance)

The Balanced View – Example of Lot (2 Pet. 2:6-8). I'm not giving you a license to sin, I'm just telling you what the Bible teaches: The Security of the Believer. Can a person know that he is saved and have assurance that he is secure until the Day of Redemption? Absolutely! We have **the Established Will of the Sovereign, the Encouraging Words of the Saviour, the Evident Witness of the Spirit, and the Eternal Work of Salvation.** 2 Pet. 3:9; John 5:24, 10:27-29; Rom. 8:16, Eph. 1:13, Eph. 4:30; Phi. 1:6, Heb. 9:11-12, 1 John 5:13.

**The Arminians say they're saved, but they're afraid they can't keep it; the Hyper-Calvinists believe they can't lose their Salvation, but they're afraid they don't have it. But thank God the Independent Baptists know they're saved, and they have assurance of Eternal Life right now! AMEN!**

**CONCLUSION: A Calvinist must exercise his Free Will to believe the False Doctrines of the TULIP!**

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