



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- **Calvanism explained.**
 - **If you want it;
you haven't got it;**
 - **If you want it,
you can't get it;**
 - **If you get it,
you can't lose it**
 - **If you lose it,
you never had it.”**
- (Zachary - Smith Debate, title page)

The Westminster Confession of Faith.

**“They whom God hath accepted
in his Beloved,
effectually called and sanctified
by his Spirit,
can neither totally
nor finally fall away
from the state of grace:
but shall certainly
persevere therein to the end,
and be eternally saved.**

Billy Graham assures his listeners:

**“ The Christian life is
a personal relationship
with God through Jesus Christ.
And best of all, it is a relationship
that will last for all eternity.**

You CANNOT

end this relationship.

**Once you have accepted Christ
you are his forevermore.”**

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher.

- **“All the prayers a man may pray,**
 - **all the Bibles he may read,**
- **all the churches he may belong to,**
 - **all the services he may attend,**
- **all the sermons he may practice,**
 - **all the debts he may pay,**

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher.

- all the ordinances he may observe,
 - all the laws he may keep,
 - all the benevolent acts he may perform
 - will not make his soul one whit safer;
 - and all the sins he may commit, from idolatry to murder,
- will not make his soul in any more danger. ...

• The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul.”

(Do a Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?)

- Bill Foster, Baptist preacher in Louisville, KY made this comment:
- **“If I killed my wife and mother and debauched a thousand women I couldn’t go to hell in fact, I couldn’t go to hell if I wanted to.”**

*(The Weekly Worker, March 12, 1959).*⁸

David N. Steele and Curtis C. Thomas.

- “The elect are not only redeemed by Christ
and renewed by the Spirit;
 - they are also kept in faith
by the almighty power of God.
- All those who are spiritually united to Christ
through regeneration
are eternally secure in Him.
 - Nothing can separate them from the
eternal and unchangeable love of God.
 - They have been predestinated
unto eternal glory
and are therefore assured of heaven.

The doctrine of perseverance of the saints does not maintain that all who profess the Christian faith are certain of heaven.

It is saints who are set apart by the Spirit who persevere to the end.

Believers who are given true, living faith in Christ are secure and safe in Him.

Many who profess to believe fall away,
but they do not fall from grace
for they were never in grace.

True believers do fall into temptations, and they do commit grievous sins,
but these sins do not
cause them to lose
their salvation or
separate them from Christ.”

(Steele and Thomas, op. cit., p. 56)

- **The thief on the cross** is an illustration of this truth.
- He taught nobody the Bible.
- He joined nobody's church.
 - He wasn't baptized.
- He did not observe the Lord's Supper.
 - He paid no debts.
 - He rectified no wrongs.
- He led nobody else to Christ.

- He turned over no "new leaves."
- He did not "straighten up his life."
- He did not "change his way of living."
 - He trusted Christ; he died.
 - But Christ assured him;
"This day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Sam Morris
[Do a Christian's Sins
Damn His Soul?].

- The doctrine of **Perseverance of the Saints** is based upon the false assumption **that the elect sinner is clothed in the personal righteousness of Jesus Christ.**
- Therefore, when God looks at him, **He does not see the sins of the elect one,** rather He sees the perfection of Jesus.

- Calvinists believe the guilt of Adam's sin was imputed to the whole human race and that all are sinners by virtue of the fact that being descendants of Adam they inherited the guilt of his sin.
- The remedy Calvinists offer for imputed sin is a second imputation.

- Thus, one does not have to be concerned with doing righteousness if he is one whom God has elected to save.

To impute is
“to credit to a person
or a cause ...
to credit by transferral.”

(Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, p. 421).

- The perfect life of Christ **is imputed** to the elect sinner.
- In viewing that individual, God only sees the personal righteousness of Jesus, **not the sins of the sinner.**

- **This allows the elect one to continue to sin** because Christ lived a sinless life in his stead **and the innocence of Christ now clothes him.**
 - He is relieved of **any responsibility** for living a godly life.
 - He does not even have to correct his wrongs **because he will not be judged by his own actions** but by the perfect life Jesus lived.

On August 5, 2009,

George Sodini, 48,
of Scott Township, PA,
opened fire on an
exercise class of women
in a Pittsburgh gym,
killing three people and
himself.

He wrote in his blog
just before this atrocity:

**“I need to remain focused
and absorbed COMPLETELY.**

**Last time I tried this,
in January,
I chickened out.**

**Let’s see how
this new approach works.**

- Maybe soon,
I will see God and Jesus.
- At least that is what I was told.
 - Eternal life does NOT depend on works.
If it did, we will all be in hell.
 - Christ paid for EVERY sin,
so how can I or you
be judged BY GOD for sin
when the penalty
was ALREADY paid.”

- The word
“impute”

is found some 7 times
in the King James Version
of the New Testament.

(Rom 4:6-24, 2 Cor 5:19, Gal 3:6)

- **Not a one of these passages**

teaches that Christ’s
personal righteousness
ever becomes the
righteousness of another.

- **The Bible clearly states**
that one who is
considered righteous by heaven
is one who practices righteousness
1 John 3:7

**Dear children, don't let anyone
lead you into the wrong way.
Christ always did what was
right. So to be good like Christ,
you must do what is right.**

(ERV)

**A sinner becomes
righteous by pardon**

made possible by the
atoning death of Jesus,
not by imputation of
His perfect life.

(Matt. 26:28; Rom. 5:8-9)

- **The atoning death of Jesus**
provides for
the sinner's pardon
if he will face up to his
responsibility to repent
and then obey God's
law of pardon.
(**Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9**).

John 10:28-29

28 and I give unto them eternal life;
and they shall never perish,
and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.
29 My Father, who hath given them unto me, is
greater than all; and no one is able to snatch
them out of the Father's hand.

The argument:

No one can snatch
any of Christ's sheep
from out of the Father's hand.

**Therefore, no one who has been saved
can ever be lost.**

The answer.

It is true that no one is able to pluck the saved out of the hand of God

unless the person is willing to go.

Becoming a
“sheep”
and being placed
in the hand of God
is conditional.

John 10:26-27

It takes hearing Christ (v. 27),
believing Christ (v. 26)
and following Christ (v. 27)

Remaining a
“sheep”
is likewise conditional.

As long as a person
remains a faithful
follower of Christ
he “shall never perish” (v. 28)

But remember,
a sheep can go astray.

When a person places himself
in God's care and

humbly submits to His will,

no other person or being
can tear him from this position.

But this passage does not teach
that he is not able to remove himself
from the hand of God by sinning

(Isaiah 59:1-2)

Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- The argument:

- Nothing

- can separate the elect from the love of God.

- Therefore, if they cannot be separated from the love of God, they can never be lost.

The answer.

It is true that all the things
named in this passage
cannot separate one
from the love of Christ,

The passage is not speaking
of the love Christ has for us
but of the love we have for Him.

(Romans 8: 28)

”To them that love God”

1 John 3:6-9

6 Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither knows him.

7 My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous:

8 he that sins is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is begotten of God does not sin, because his seed abides in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.

The answer.

“Cannot,”

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from the Greek

ou-dunamal,

means morally unable

Not that which is
physically impossible.

“Cannot,”

as used in Scripture,

does not always mean impossible.

The example of Balaam

**“Though Balak were
to give me
his house full of gold,
I could not go beyond
the word of the Lord.
(Numbers 22:18)**

Rather, he meant that
**he could not do it
and be pleasing to God.**

The child of God
has come to the place
where he is not physically
unable to do any wrong,

But that he is
morally restrained
from it.

Scriptural Objections to Perseverance of the Saints

2 Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

John 15:1-6

Jesus warns His disciples
to continue to abide in Him.

If it is impossible
for a Christian
not to abide in Christ,
then Jesus' warning
has no meaning.

Acts 8:9-24

- . After becoming a child of God he {Simon} sought to buy the gift of God with money.
(vv. 18-19)

Acts 8:23

**For I perceive that thou art
in the gall of bitterness,
and in the bond of iniquity.**

He was commanded to
“repent therefore of
this your wickedness,
and pray God if perhaps
the thought of your heart
can be forgiven you.”

(Acts 8:22)

Simon, though a child of God,
had sins that needed
to be forgiven

or he would perish.

(Acts 8:20)

Simon had fallen from grace.

(Galatians 5:4)

Romans 8:13

For if you live after the flesh,
you shall die:

but if you through the Spirit do
mortify the
deeds of the body,
you shall live.

This passage is directed toward
“brethren.” (v. 12)

1 Corinthians 9:27

Not even the staunchest Calvinist
would deny that the apostle Paul
was a child of God.

Yet, in this text, Paul said,
that even after preaching to others,
he could be “disqualified”.

He could be lost
even though
he was a Christian.

- **1Timothy 4:1**

**Now the Spirit speaks expressly,
that in the latter times
some shall depart from the faith,
giving heed to seducing spirits,
and doctrines of devils;**

- This passage states that some Christians
“will depart from the faith.”

Such a departure would
cause them to be lost.

In verse 16,

Timothy is told if he
“continues in the doctrine”,
he would be saved.

Hebrews 6:4-6

“once enlightened.”

Even Calvinists believe this phrase applies to the Christian

“Tasted the heavenly gift.”

Those totally depraved, could not experience the heavenly gift.

“partakers of the Holy Spirit.”

Can one who is not a Christian be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

“Tasted the good word of God.”

An unregenerate person, according to Calvinists, could not possibly understand the word of God.

“Tasted ... the powers of the age to come.”

The unregenerate could have no connection to the powers and blessings of God through Christ.

All are obviously Christians.

Not only could these children of God fall away, they could fall so far away **that it would be impossible to renew them to repentance.**

- Hebrews 10:26-29

- Christians are under consideration
because they have been
“sanctified” by the blood of Christ.
(v. 29)

- If a child of God willfully
forsakes the Lord and does not repent,
he has nothing to anticipate but
“certain fearful expectation
of judgment and fiery indignation.”
(v. 27)

- 2 Peter 2:1 (ASV)

- But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

- **Revelation 3:5** (ASV)
**He that overcoms shall
be arrayed in white garments;
and I will in no wise blot his name
out of the book of life,
and I will confess his name before
my Father, and before his angels.**

- All Christians have their names
written in the book of life.

(Rev. 20:15)

- **Those names can be removed**
if they do not live faithfully.

(Rev. 3:5; 22:19)

- **2 Timothy 4:7-8** (ASV)

- **7** I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the course,
I have kept the faith:

- **8** henceforth there is laid up for me
the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give to me at that day;
and not to me only,
but also to all them
that have loved his appearing.

The Doctrines of Calvinism

T-U-L-I-P

- **T**otal Hereditary Depravity
 - **U**nconditional Election
 - **L**imited Atonement
 - **I**rresistible Grace
- **P**erseverance of the Saints

• Galatians 1:8

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you,
let him be accursed.

1:9 As we said before,
so say I now again,

If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received,
let him be accursed.

- **Think on these things**
Philippians 4:8

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17

