

Twice Dead
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“Those whom God chooses to save are given, in addition to the gift of faith, a gift of perseverance which enables them to continue to believe, and prevents the possibility of falling away.”

- **Augustine of Hippo**

John Calvin and **T.U.L.I.P.**:

1. **Total depravity:** No lost person can make the choice to change. No one can repent, believe in Jesus, and obey the gospel.
2. **Unconditional Election:** God chooses to give the “elect” eternal life without consideration of the freedom of choice.
3. **Limited Atonement:** Christ bore the sin only of the “elect,” not everyone who ever lived. If God did not choose you, you cannot choose God.
4. **Irresistible Grace:** If God decides to save you, whether you want to be saved or not, you are powerless to refuse OR to accept. An act of God coercing a person’s will.
5. **Perseverance of the Saints:** The elect and chosen of God are so secure in Christ they can never fall away. No human can choose salvation and no human can lose salvation.

Romans 3:28, *“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”*

John 8:31, *“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.”*

John 15:1-6, *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.”*

Two things happen to those who walk away from Jesus:

- 1. They're thrown away and dry up**
- 2. They're condemned to hell**

1 Corinthians 3:15, *“If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”*

Romans 11:17-22, *“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” ²⁰ Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; ²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. ²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.”*

Galatians 5:4, *“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

2 Peter 2:4, *“God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell.”*

2 Peter 2:20-22, *“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. ²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to its own vomit,” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.”*

Jude 12-13, *“These are the men who are twice dead, uprooted; for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.”*