

Calvinism Debunked: The Unbiblical Foundation

"Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, Perseverance of the Saints" — TULIP collapses under biblical scrutiny

CALVIN'S "REIGN OF TERROR"

Apologia Studios loves Calvin. But do they know what he actually did?

Calvin's Geneva (1541-1564): Executions for Heresy

58 people executed for religious offenses

76 people exiled

Methods: **Burning at the stake, beheading**

Source: *Christian History Magazine*, *3 Eternal Destinies*

Michael Servetus (1533) — Burned Alive

Crime: Denied the Trinity

Punishment: Calvin had him arrested, tried, and **burned at the stake**

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Calvin claimed "freedom of conscience" from Rome, then **burned people alive who disagreed with HIM.**

After Calvin: Death Penalty for Catholics

Scotland (Calvinist): "After Calvinism was introduced into Scotland, those who professed the Catholic religion were subject to the **death penalty.**"

Source: *3 Eternal Destinies*

THE 5 POINTS OF TULIP: UNBIBLICAL

1. Total Depravity — "Humans Can't Choose God"

Calvinist claim: Humans are so depraved they CANNOT choose God. God must regenerate them first, THEN they believe.

Problem: Bible says the opposite.

Joshua 24:15: "Choose your **this day** whom ye will serve."

→ Joshua commands CHOICE. If they couldn't choose, why command it?

Deuteronomy 30:19: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life.**"

→ God commands choice between life and death

John 7:17: "If **any man will** do his will, he shall know of the doctrine."

→ "Any man WILL" = human agency, not forced

Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if **any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in.**"

→ Christ knocks. MAN must open. Not forced.

If humans can't choose, why does God command them to choose 100+ times in Scripture?

2. Unconditional Election — "God Picks Who Gets Saved"

Calvinist claim: God unconditionally chose some for salvation, others for damnation, before the foundation of the world. Nothing you do matters.

Problem: Bible says God desires ALL to be saved.

1 Timothy 2:3-4: "God our Saviour... **will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

→ God WILLS all to be saved, not just elect

2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is... **not willing that any should perish**, but that **all should come to repentance.**"

→ God wants ALL to repent, not just some

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world... that **whosoever believeth** in him should not perish."

→ "Whosoever" = ANYONE who believes, not just elect

Ezekiel 18:23: "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and **not that he should return from his ways, and live?**"

→ God wants the wicked to TURN and LIVE

If election is unconditional, why does God plead with people to repent? Why does He say He wants ALL to be saved?

3. Limited Atonement — "Jesus Only Died for the Elect"

Calvinist claim: Jesus only died for the elect, not for all humanity.

Problem: Bible explicitly says Jesus died for ALL.

1 John 2:2: "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for **the sins of the whole world.**"

→ WHOLE WORLD, not just elect

Hebrews 2:9: "Jesus... should **taste death for every man.**"

→ EVERY MAN, not some men

2 Corinthians 5:15: "He died for **all.**"

→ ALL = ALL

1 Timothy 4:10: "The living God... is **the Saviour of all men**, specially of those that believe."

→ Savior of ALL, especially believers

The Bible says "all" and "whole world" over and over. Calvinists say "some." Who's twisting Scripture?

4. Irresistible Grace — "God Forces You to Believe"

Calvinist claim: If God chooses you, you CANNOT resist. You will be saved whether you want to or not.

Problem: Bible shows people resisting God constantly.

Acts 7:51: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, **ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.**"

→ Stephen accuses them of RESISTING the Spirit

Matthew 23:37: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... **how often would I have gathered thy children together...** and **ye would not!**"

→ Jesus WANTED to gather them, they WOULD NOT

Hebrews 3:15: "**Harden not your hearts.**"

→ Command not to harden = ability to harden or soften

If grace is irresistible, why does the Bible command "resist not" and warn against resisting?

5. Perseverance of the Saints — "Once Saved, Always Saved"

Calvinist claim: If you're elect, you CANNOT lose salvation. If you fall away, you were never saved.

Problem: Bible warns believers they CAN fall away.

Hebrews 6:4-6: "For it is **impossible** for those who were once enlightened... **if they shall fall away**, to renew them again unto repentance."

→ You CAN fall away after being enlightened

2 Peter 2:20-21: "For if after they have **escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord... they are again entangled therein... **it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness.**"

→ They KNEW righteousness, then fell away

1 Corinthians 9:27: "But I keep under my body... lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, **I myself should be a castaway.**"

→ PAUL feared becoming a castaway (rejected)

Galatians 5:4: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.**"

→ You CAN fall from grace

If you can't lose salvation, why does Paul fear being a castaway? Why warn against falling from grace?

LDS ALTERNATIVE: BIBLICAL TRUTH

Issue	Calvinism	LDS (Biblical)
Human Agency	No choice (Total Depravity)	Free to choose (2 Ne 2:27, Josh 24:15)
God's Will	Saves only elect	Wants ALL saved (1 Tim 2:4, 2 Pet 3:9)
Christ's Atonement	Limited (elect only)	Infinite (1 John 2:2, Heb 2:9)

Issue	Calvinism	LDS (Biblical)
Grace	Irresistible (forced)	Resistible (Acts 7:51, Matt 23:37)
Salvation	Can't be lost (OSAS)	Can fall away (Heb 6:4-6, Gal 5:4)

LDS Scriptures on Agency & Choice

2 Nephi 2:27: "Men are **free to choose** liberty and eternal life... or to choose captivity and death."

D&C 93:31: "Behold, here is the **agency of man**, and here is the condemnation of man."

Moses 7:32: "The Lord said... I gave unto man his **agency.**"

LDS Scriptures on Universal Atonement

2 Nephi 9:21: "The sufferings and death of Christ... answereth the ends of the law... that bringeth about means unto men that they may have **faith unto repentance.**"

Alma 11:40: "The Son of God... shall come to **redeem all those who shall believe on his name.**"

→ ALL who believe, not just predetermined elect

LDS Scriptures on Losing Salvation

D&C 20:32: "Those who endure in faith... **are they who are the church of the Firstborn.**"

→ Must ENDURE, not just "believe once"

Alma 24:30: "And thus we see that, when these Lamanites were brought to believe... they were **firm**, and would suffer even unto death rather than commit sin."

→ Must remain FIRM, can fall if not

THE BOTTOM LINE

Calvinism:
Founded by a man who burned heretics at the stake
Teaches doctrines that contradict plain scripture
Makes God a tyrant who creates people to damn them

LDS Theology:
Restored by angelic ministry and divine revelation
Affirms biblical agency, universal atonement, and God's love for ALL
Makes God a loving Father who wants ALL His children saved

Questions for Calvinists

- If grace is irresistible, why does Acts 7:51 say you "resist the Holy Ghost"?
- If Christ only died for the elect, why does 1 John 2:2 say "the whole world"?
- If election is unconditional, why does God plead with people to choose? (Josh 24:15, Deut 30:19)
- If you can't lose salvation, why does Hebrews 6:4-6 warn about falling away?
- If Total Depravity means you can't choose, why does Revelation 3:20 say Christ knocks and YOU must open?
- If Calvin had authority from God, why did he burn people alive for disagreeing?
- If Calvinism is biblical, why does TULIP contradict so many clear scriptures?

Why Apologia Studios Is Wrong

Apologia Studios: Promotes Calvinist theology as "Reformed" and "biblical"

Reality:

- Calvin executed 58 people for religious disagreement
- TULIP contradicts 50+ clear scriptures on agency, choice, universal atonement, and perseverance
- Calvinism makes God arbitrary and unjust (creates people to damn them)
- LDS theology affirms what the Bible actually teaches: God loves ALL, Christ died for ALL, humans have agency to CHOOSE

So who's really following the Bible?
The ones who burned heretics at the stake?
Or the ones who restored apostolic authority by angelic ministry?

*"Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16)
Calvin's fruit: 58 executions, forced theology, God as tyrant
Joseph Smith's fruit: Restoration, agency, God as loving Father*