

“The Error of the Perseverance of the Saints”

John 10:27-29

Introduction

- I. Unfortunately, the doctrine of Calvinism has polluted the minds of so many for so long.
- II. One of the tenets of Calvinism that is extremely popular is “the perseverance of the saints” (fka “once saved always saved”).
- III. The Bible exposes the error of this belief if only people would diligently study (2 Tim. 2:15).

Discussion

- I. One of segments of Scripture that is misused in support of “the perseverance of the saints” is John 10:28-29.
- II. The key to understanding John 10:28-29 is John 10:27.
 - A. The saved hear God's Word.
 - B. The saved are known of God.
 - C. The saved follow the Lord.
- III. There are passages that clearly teach and show that a saved person can again be lost (Heb. 10:25-29; 1 Cor. 8:11; 9:27; 10:11-12; Rev. 3:5; James 5:19-20; Rom. 11:20; John 15:6; Gal. 5:4; Col. 1:23).
- IV. A great example of one falling after having been saved is Simon (Acts 8:13,21-24; Mark 16:16).

Conclusion

- I. Sadly, so many live unfaithful lives and still expect to go to Heaven.
- II. The Bible plainly exposes the error of “the perseverance of the saints”.