

THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION - PREDESTINATION AND  
THE DOCTRINE OF THE CONDITIONAL SECURITY  
OF ALL BELIEVERS

INTRODUCTION:

1. Two Basic Religious Errors Have Divided Christianity Into Two General Camps. These Errors Are:
  - A. That God Has Elected Some to be Saved and Some to be Damned on an Arbitrary Basis, and
  - B. That Those Elected Cannot Be Lost.

I. IN REFERENCE TO ELECTION, THERE ARE FIVE BASIC POSTULATES IN THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

- A. This Election is Personal.

“By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some (men) and angels are predestinated unto life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These men and angels thus predestinated and foreordained are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished.” Chapter 3, Sect. 3.4.

Note: Hence it is not an election of nations and communities to eternal privileges, but of men “particularly” and unchangeably designed. (Thornwell, Election and Reprobation).

2. Man in the Decree of Election, is Regarded as A “Fallen” Being.

“Election is the unchangeable purpose of God by which before the foundation of the world, He did from the whole human race, fallen by their own fault from original righteousness into a state of sin and misery, elect to Salvation in Christ, according to the good pleasure of His own will, out of His mere free grace, a certain number of individuals, neither better than others nor more worthy of His favor, but involved with others in a common ruin.”

Article VII (From Synod of Dort)

Note This is precisely Calvin’s position.

3. It Is An Election To Everlasting Life, And Includes All The Means Which The Scriptures Lay Down For Accomplishing This Glorious End.

“As God has appointed the elect to His glory, so hath He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ; are effectually called into faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season; are justified, adopted, sanctified and kept by His power through faith unto salvation.” Section 6.

4. This Election Of Individuals Of Adam’s Fallen Race To Everlasting Life Was Made From Eternity.
5. It Is Absolute Or Wholly Irrespective of Works, Having No Other Originating Or Impulsive Cause Than The Mere Good Pleasure Of God’s Will.

“Those of mankind that are predestined unto life, God before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions or causes moving Him thereunto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace.” Section 5.

## II. IN REGARDS TO REPROBATION, THE CONFESSION TEACHES THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

1. The Individuals Reprobated Are Guilty and Polluted “Being By Nature The Children of Wrath.”

In Section 7, God is said to:

“Pass by and to ordain them to dishonour and wrath for their sin.”

2. “God passes them by or refuses to elect them, and leaves them in that state of misery and ruin into which, by their own fault, they have plunged themselves.” Thornwell, Ibid.
3. “He dooms them to the deserved punishment of their sins in the world to come by a righteous act of vindicatory justice.” Ibid.
4. “In the decree of reprobation God acts absolutely. He passes by one and elects another only from His own good pleasure; but in inflicting and pronouncing the sentence of death, He acts as a righteous Judge in consigning the wicked to deserved punishment. In other words, none but a sinner can be a suitable subject of reprobation; and men are reprobated only as sinners; but one is

passed by and another is elected, not because one was a greater sinner than the other, but because God saw fit to do so.” Section 7, also, Thornwell, Ibid, p. 7.

III. THE FOLLOWING THEOLOGICAL POSITIONS WERE DERIVED FROM THESE POSTULATES:

1. That The Sin of Adam and Eve Has Been Transferred Through Parents to the Child.
2. That Human Nature Is Completely and Totally Corrupt.
3. That Man Because of This Corrupted Nature Cannot Do Any Good Works. He Cannot Do Anything to Save Himself.
4. That God Elected His Own People In Christ Before the World Began.
5. That God’s Grace Is Irresistible – That Is, Man Can’t Do Anything to Prevent God From Saving Him.
6. That None of Those Elected Will Finally Be Lost.
7. The Doctrine of Inherited Sin Gave Rise to the Practice of Infant Baptism.

“Thus, infant baptism became the oldest and most decisive testimonial to the existence of original sin in every man.”

Stephanus Trooster, Evolution and Doctrine of Original Sin.

“As a consequence, in the first attempt to formulate a more elaborate theological doctrine of original sin, Augustine uses the practice of infant or child baptism as the principle argument to substantiate the existence and essence of original sin in every man, ... This remarkable development has exerted a direct and drastic influence on the later formation of the concept of original sin-in-us.” Ibid., p. 87.

“The practice of baptizing the newborn child ‘for the forgiveness of sins’ was associated with the state of depravity that was at a later stage to be identified with the concept of ‘original sin’ ... one can scarcely doubt that by the dawn of the fifth century the practice was firmly and generally established throughout the entire church.” Trooster, Ibid., pp. 90-91.

IV. WE SHALL PROVE THAT NONE OF THESE POSITIONS CAN BE PROVED BY THE SCRIPTURES.

1. First, Christ Died for All Men, Not Just a Selected Few.

A. Luke 24:44, 46-48:

“Then He said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and the prophets, and the Psalms, concerning Me’ ... Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses to these things.’”

(Companion Passages): Matt. 28:18-20 - Teach all nations.

Mark 16:15-16 - Preach the gospel to every creature.

(1) The Death of Christ Was Essential.

- a. Heb. 9:26: “He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”
- b. I Pet. 3:18: “For Christ also suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.”
- c. I Tim. 2:6: “Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
- d. Heb. 2:9: “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor; that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”
- e. Matt. 26:52-54: “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and

He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?

- f. II Cor. 5:15,19: “And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him which died for them, and rose again. ... That is, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

See also, II Pet. 2:1

- B. John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; that the world through Him might be saved.” (V.17)
- C. John 1:29: “Behold! The Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!”
- D. Titus 2:11: “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.”
- E. I Tim. 1:15: “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”
- F. I Tim. 2:3-6: “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”
- G. I John 4:14: “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.”
- H. I John 2:2: “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.”
- I. Acts 10:34-35: “Then Peter opened his mouth and said, ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality; But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

- J. Acts 10:42-43: “And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness, that through His name whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”
- K. Rom. 10:13: “For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
- L. II Pet. 3:9: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
- M. Rev. 22:17: “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

NOTE: These and countless other scriptures deny any arbitrary selection of men to salvation or damnation.

2. Secondly: Sin is Not An Inherited Trait.

- A. Ezekiel 18:20: “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”
- B. John 9:1-3: “Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man sinned, n or his parents sinned; but that the works of God should be made revealed in him.’”
- C. Psalms 58:3: “The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.”

NOTE: This passage does not say that they were born sinners but that they “go astray”.

Psalms 51:5: “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; and in sin my mother conceived me.”

NOTE: This passage does not say that David was born in sin - only that “in sin did my mother conceive me.”

- D. Romans 5:12-14: “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned -- (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.”

NOTE: This passage says that sin entered into “the world” by Adam. It does not say his posterity inherited it.

This passage says that death passed upon all men because “all had sinned”, not because all had inherited their sin.

- E. Matt. 18:2-3: “And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.’”

NOTE: If little children are born sinners, then of such is the kingdom of heaven.

3. Thirdly. The Scriptures Plainly Teach That Man Can Reject God’s Grace.

- A. I Sam. 8:7: “And the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say to you: for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.’”
- B. I Sam. 10:19: “But you have today rejected your God, who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, ‘No, but set a king over us!’ Now therefore, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans.”
- C. I Sam. 15:23: “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you from being king.”
- D. Hosea 4:6: “...Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

- E. Matt. 21:42-43: “Jesus said to them, ‘Did you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.” Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17.  
(The Jewish Nation Rejected Its Own Christ)
- F. Mark 7:9: “And He said to them, ‘All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.
- G. Luke 17:25: “... So also the Son of Man will be in His day. But first He must suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation.”
- H. John 12-48: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive my words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

Conclusion: There is not one single passage in the entire Bible which proves that God forces salvation upon anyone against their will.

To the contrary, the history of man has been one long history of God’s pleading with man to obey Him and to serve Him.

Man can resist God’s grace but not with impunity.

- 4. Fourthly, Neither Do The Scriptures Teach That Man Is So Depraved That He Cannot Do Any Good Works.
  - A. Rom. 6:17-18: “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”
  - B. John 5:38-44: “But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who

receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?"

Note: Jesus did not say cannot.

- C. John 1:11-12: "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."
  - D. John 6:44-45: "No man can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God. Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."
  - E. I Pet. 1:22: "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart."
5. Fifthly, That Salvation Is A Free Gift of God and Man Does Not Have To Do Anything To Obtain It. In Fact, He Cannot Do Anything.
- A. Proof Texts:
    - (1) Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit."
    - (2) I Cor. 6:11: "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."
    - (3) Eph. 2:1,5-9: "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, .... Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, (by grace you have been saved;) And raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest anyone should boast."

- B. These Proof Texts Teach That:
- (1) Salvation Is A Free Gift Of God.
  - (2) That It Cannot Be Earned By Works of Our Righteousness.
  - (3) That We As Sinners Did Not Merit The Death of Christ In Our Behalf But That God Gave His Son to Die Out of Love For Us.
- C. HOWEVER, THIS GRACE IS CONDITIONAL UPON OUR ACCEPTING IT.
- (1) We Must Obey The Commands of God to The Alien Sinner.
    - a. Heb. 5:9: “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him.”
    - b. II Thess. 1:7-9: “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”
    - c. I Pet. 4:17-18: “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”
    - d. I Pet. 1:22: “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.”
    - e. Men Must Obey The Gospel Because It Is God’s Saving Message.
      - (1) Rom. 1:16-17: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the

power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"

- (ii) I Cor. 15:1-2: "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you, -- unless you believed in vain."

f. Obedience To God's Command Requires MAN To Do Something.

- (1) He must have a knowledge of God's Will for him.

- (i) Rom. 10:13-17: "For 'whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!' But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our report?' So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- (ii) Matt. 28:18-20: "Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

- (iii) Mark 16:15-16: “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’”
- (iv) I Cor. 1:21: “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”
- (v) I Tim. 4:16: “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

Note: Obviously, no man can obey the Will of God until he knows what that Will is.

(2) Secondly, He Must Have Unwavering Faith in the Message.

- (i) Heb. 11:6: “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
- (ii) John 3:16-18: “... that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. .... He who believes in Him is not

condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- (iii) John 8:24: “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

(3) Thirdly, We must make a define decision - We must Repent.

- (i) Luke 13:3,5: “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

- (ii) Acts 2:28: “You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of joy in Your presence.”

Acts 3:10: “Then they know that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”

Acts 17:30-31: “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, by raising Him from the dead.”

- (iii) II Pet. 3:9: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

(1) Repentance Involves:

- a. A consciousness of guilt.
- b. Sorrow for sin.
- c. A turning from sin.

4. Fourthly, We Must Be Willing to Confess Christ.

- a. Matt. 10:32-33: “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”
- b. Luke 12:8: Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.”
- c. Rom. 10:9-10: “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.”
- d. I John 4:15: “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”
- e. John 9:22: “His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.”
- f. John 12:42: “Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.”
- g. Mark 8:38: “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

(1) We Must Happily Confess that:

- (I) Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ.
- (ii) That He was God in the flesh.
- (iii) That God raised Him from the dead.
- (iv) And that He is Our Lord - Our Master.

Note: This is not some empty ritual - it is the bedrock of our faith.

5. Fifthly, He must be Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins.

- a. Matt. 28:18-20 - Mark 16:15-16
- b. Acts 2:38: Pentecost  
Acts 8:12: Samaritans  
Acts 8:36-38: Eunuch  
Acts 9:10-19: Saul  
Acts 22:16  
Acts 10:48: Cornelius  
Acts 16:15: Lydia  
Acts 16:30-34: Jailer  
Acts 18:8: Corinthians "hearing, believed and were baptized."
- c. John 3:1-5: Conversation with Nicodemus
- d. Romans 6:18: Baptized into Christ and His death.
- e. Gal. 3:26-27: Put on Christ in Baptism
- f. I Pet. 1:18-21: Baptism is a figure of Noah's salvation.
- g. I Cor. 1:13: "Were ye baptized into the name of Paul ... ."
- h. I Cor. 12:13: "... baptized into the one body."
- i. Col. 2:12: "Buried with him by baptism... ."

(1) What Does Baptism Do For Us?

- a. It washes away our sins.
- b. We are baptized into the church.
- c. We are born into God's family.

6. Sixthly, We Deny That Infant Baptism is Taught in the Scriptures.

A. The following Quotation from Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches is in order.

“The baptism of unconverted children and unconscious infants has become common through the Christian world. Yet Baptists condemn it as unscriptural, unreasonable and pernicious. They believe that repentance and faith should always precede baptism. Without these, baptism has no significance, and serves no religious purpose. Infants incapable of faith are, therefore, unfit for baptism.”

“Baptists defend the following propositions:

1. There is in the New Testament neither precept nor example to sanction infant baptism. Nor, indeed, is there an allusion to it in the Scriptures.
2. Christ did not institute it, nor did either the Apostles or early Christians practice it.
3. It was a part of the corruption which in subsequent ages crept into the churches, having its basis in the belief of a saving power exerted by baptism on the soul of the child.
4. The practice is unauthorized, presumptuous and censurable on the part of parents, sponsors and administrators, and produces evil both to the child that receives it and the church that allows and practices it.
5. It perverts the design of the church as the spiritual body of Christ by introducing to its membership an element of unconverted persons. pp. 222-229.

B. Stephanus Trooster in his *Evolution and the Doctrine of Original Sin* says:

“From the beginning of Christian times unbaptized children become the test-case per excellence for belief in the existence of original sin. Irenaeus of Lyons alludes to the practice of infant baptism; Origen bases this practice on “apostolic tradition;” Tertullian opposes it, but thus showing that it had already been in existence for some time. .... Cyprian held ‘that no their own but alien sins were being forgiven unto them,’ i.e., ‘the stain of the ancient death’ incurred in their early youth at birth, born as they were in the flesh according to Adam ... Thus, infant baptism became the oldest and most decisive testimonial to the existence of original sin in every man.” p. 89.

Note: For the first 200 years of Christianity, there is no sufficient proof that infant baptism was practiced in the church. Certainly, it was a rare occasion, indeed, if such cases are found.

C. We Deny Infant Baptism on the Following Grounds:

1. The person to be baptized must be able to be taught, believe, repent, and confess.
  - a. Infants can do none of these.
2. Rom. 6:4: Those baptized are to rise to walk in newness of life.
3. I Pet. 3:21: Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God.
  - a. Infants are not aware of any change in their conscience.
4. Infants cannot obey the following commands to those baptized:
  - a. Rom. 12:11: “Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”
  - b. I Pet. 2:5: “... an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices.”
  - c. Eph. 4:16: ... every joint supplieth ... .”
  - d. Heb. 8:11: “None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.”

- e. Rom. 12:9: “ ... abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”
- f. Rom. 12:12: “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”
- g. I Thess. 5:17: “Pray without ceasing... .”

Note: We could list thousands of negative and positive requirements of those baptized. No infant can do any of them.

D. Infant Baptism Justified on the Basis that it takes the Place of Circumcision.

1. Circumcision was confined to the Jews and those purchased with money by them. (Gen. 17:13).
  - a. Baptism is for all nations.
2. Circumcision was performed on native Jews eight days old. (Gen. 17:12).
  - a. Baptism is for any age capable of believing and obeying the gospel.
3. Circumcision was confined to males only. (Gen. 17:10).
  - a. Baptism is for both men and women. Boys and girls.
4. No faith was required as a qualification for circumcision.
  - a. Believers are the only ones baptized in New Testament times.
5. Circumcision for those already members of the Jewish family.
  - a. Baptism puts one into the family of God.
6. Circumcision was in obedience to the law of Moses.
  - a. Baptism is in obedience to the law of Christ.
7. Jesus, the Apostles, the Three Thousand had already been circumcised, including the Apostle Paul - Yet we find them being baptized.

E. There were no infants baptized in the So-Called Household Conversions.

1. Acts 16:14-15: “Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’ And she constrained us.”
2. Acts 16:31-32: “So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.”
3. Acts 10:33: “So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”  

(V.43) “To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”
4. Acts 11:18: When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, ‘Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.’”

IV. WE CATEGORICALLY DENY THE DOCTRINE THAT A CHILD OF GOD CANNOT BE LOST.

- A. Those advocating such a doctrine generally take one of three positions:
1. That a child of God cannot sin.
  2. That a child of God sins but that God punishes him here and will not allow him to be eternally lost.
  3. That only the body sins - not the spirit.
- B. Listen to the Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches.

XVII of Perseverance of the Saints.

1. Those whom God hath accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit and given the precious faith of His elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall

from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved.

2. And though they say - through the temptation of Satan and of the world, the prevalence of corruption remain in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation - fall into grievous sins, and for a time continue therein (whereby they incur God's displeasure and grieve His Holy Spirit, come to have their graces and comforts impaired, have their hearts hardened and their consciences wounded, hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves), yet they shall renew their repentance and be preserved through faith in Christ Jesus to the end. p. 176.

C. From The New Hampshire Confession:

"We believe the Scriptures teach that such as are truly regenerate, being born of the Spirit, will not utterly fall away and finally perish, but will endure unto the end; ... that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." Ibid., pp. 198-199.

D. Those who teach this doctrine say we have ETERNAL LIFE NOW and Cannot lose it.

1. We have eternal life in Hope - But not in Fact.

- a. Titus 1:1-2: "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledgment of the truth which is according to godliness: In Hope of Eternal Life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began."
- b. Rom. 6:22: "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life."
- c. Rom. 2:7: "Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality."
- d. Mark 10:29-30: "So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time-- houses and brothers and sisters and

mothers and children and lands, with persecutions-- and in the age to come, eternal life.”

- e. I John 2:25: “And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.”
- f. I Peter 1:5: “Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”
- g. Rom. 5:9: “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”
- h. Rom. 5:10: “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

2. Look What May Happen to Our Faith:

- a. Luke 22:32: It may fail. “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”
- b. May Make Shipwreck Of:  
“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.” (I Tim. 1:19)
- c. May Depart from the Faith:  
“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.” (I Tim. 4:1)
- d. May Deny the Faith:  
“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (I Tim. 5:8)
- e. May Cast Off the Faith:  
“But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.”

- f. May Err Concerning the Faith:  
 “O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge -- by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.” (I Tim. 6:20-21)
- g. Faith May Be Overthrown:  
 “But shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. (2 Tim. 2:16-18)

Note: Our salvation depends upon our faith and if we lose our faith we lose our salvation.

E. Baptist Doctrine Says That Only the Body Sins - Not the Spirit.

- 1. It is the Spiritual Part of Man which Directs His Body.
  - a. I Cor. 2:11: “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”
  - b. “Body without the spirit is dead.” (James 2:26)
  - c. Matt. 15:19-20: “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”
  - d. Rom. 8:12-13: “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors-- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Note: These passages, and there are many more, make it very plain that the body is controlled by the spiritual part of man.

- (1) God commands that our bodies be holy.

Rom. 12:1

I Cor. 6:15-19-20

I Cor. 3:16-17

F. Just Here We Wish to Examine Some Proof Text Offered for Impossibility of Apostasy.

1. Jude 1: "Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ."

Answer: This preservation is conditional upon his abiding in the vine. (John 15:1-10)

Jude 21 says: "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

2. Psalms 37:28: "For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off."

Answer: 2 Chron. 15:1-2: "Now the spirit of God came upon Azariah the Son of Oded. And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: 'Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.'"

I Chron 28:9: "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."

3. I John 3:9: "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

Answer: Luke 8:11 says that the seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:12 says that the devil sometimes "taketh away the word out of our hearts," that is, steals the seed.

Note: If I John 3:9 teaches that a Christian cannot sin under any circumstances, then we have John contradicting himself within less than three chapters for he said:

I John 1:8-10: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

Further Note: Even the Baptist admit that their members sin and yet they contradict themselves when they use this proof text to show that a Christian cannot sin at all.

Actually the text should read: "Whosoever is born of God does not continue to commit sin; for his seed remains in him and he cannot continue to sin, because he is born of God."

Note: John, in essence is saying what Paul said in Rom. 6: that those who have become Christians are not to continue to live as they once lived.

4. John 3:16: "... Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish...."

Answer: Suppose he quits believing?

Heb. 3:12: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."

5. John 5:24: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Answer: This is the same basic argument as John 3:16 and it is predicated upon the believer continuing to believe and obey God's command.

Heb. 3:12 still applies here because 'brethren ... with a 'heart of unbelief' can 'depart from the living God.'"

6. Rom. 8:1: “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

Answer: They need to read on a few verses.

Rom. 8:12-13: “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Note: Suppose we do not mortify the deeds of the body? - Paul said that we would die.

7. John 6:37: “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

Answer: He needs to keep reading a few more verses.

Verses 38-39 says: “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.”

- (1) It is not God’s will that any should be lost. (2 Pet. 3:9)

a. But some are definitely going to be lost.

- (2) Certainly, the man who has a disposition to do God’s Will will not be cast out.

8. I John 2:19: “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.”

Answer: The passage teaches just the opposite of what they say. It refers to false teachers “anti-Christ” who were denying that Christ had come in the flesh. They were known as Gnostics in the early church.

Verse 18 says: “Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many Antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”

Note: This passage doesn't say one word concerning the impossibility of apostasy anyway.

9. Col. 3:3-4: "For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Answer: They need to read on a few verses.

Vs. 5, 25: "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ... But he who does wrong will be repaid for the wrong which he has done, and there is no partiality."

V. **THE SCRIPTURES ARE VERY PLAIN THAT SALVATION IS CONDITIONAL AND THAT A CHILD OF GOD CAN SO SIN AS TO BE LOST IN HELL.**

- A. 2 Pet. 2:20-22: "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: 'A dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'"

- B. Luke 12:42-47: "And the Lord said, 'Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware; and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

Vs. 46 says that he "will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers."

- C. Matt. 25:14-30: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his

goods to them. And to one he gave five talents; to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. Therefore you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- D. John 15:1-6: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- E. Gal. 5:4: "You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."

1. Eph. 2:8: teaches that we are saved by grace but Paul makes it very clear that the Galatians had fallen out of grace by trying to worship according to the law of Moses.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”

- F. Matt. 13:41-42: “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”
- G. James 5:19-20: “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”
- H. I Cor. 9:27: “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”
- I. Rom. 14:15: “Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.”

I. Cor. 8:11-12: “And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.”

Note: This proves that through our influence we might cause a fellow brother in Christ to stumble, fall, and be lost.

- J. Heb. 6:4-6: “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”

Note: A. They had been enlightened.  
B. Tasted of the heavenly gift.  
C. Made partakers of the Holy Spirit.  
D. Tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come.

(1) Who can deny that they were Christians?

- K. Heb. 10:26-29, 32: “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? ... But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings.”
- L. Gal. 6:7-9: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
- M. Matt. 18:15-17: “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”
- N. II Pet. 1:5-10: “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.”
1. The implication is that if you do not add these virtues you will fall.
- O. I Cor. 10:12: “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”
- P. Heb. 3:12: “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.”

- Q. I Tim. 4:1: “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.”
- R. Rev. 3:15-16: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.”
- S. II Tim. 2:17-18: “And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.”
- T. I Cor. 11:27-29: “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”
- U. II Tim. 4:1-4: “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

**VI. THERE ARE INNUMERABLE PASSAGES WHICH SHOW THAT OUR SALVATION IS CONDITIONAL UPON OUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE LORD’S SERVICE.**

- A. Acts 11:21-23: “And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.”
- B. Acts 14:21-22: “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.’”

- C. Rom. 11:20-22: “Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.”
- Note: Just as the Jews were cut off because of unbelief and because they continued not in God’s law, the Apostle is saying that the same can happen to spiritual Israel.
- D. Rom. 14:22-23: “Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.”
- E. I Cor. 15:1-2: “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.”
- F. II Cor. 11:3: “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- G. II Cor. 12:21: “And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and licentiousness which they have practiced.”
- H. II Cor. 13:5: “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Prove yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.”
- I. Phil. 2:12: “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”
- J. Phil. 4:1: “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”
- K. Col. 1:22-23: “In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight-- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

- L. Col. 2:6-7: "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."
- M. I Thess. 3:5-8: "For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you--therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord."
- N. I Tim. 1:18-20: "This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme."
- O. I Tim. 5:8: "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."
- P. I Tim. 6:20-21: "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge--by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen."
- Q. II Tim. 2:12: "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us."
- R. Heb. 2:1-3: "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him."
- S. Heb. 3:6: "But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end."
- T. Heb. 4:1, 11: "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ...Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience."

CONCLUSION:

1. We have proven that Calvinistic doctrine of election is false.
2. That sin is not an inherited trait, but a result of man's Free Choice of Rebellion.
3. That man can and must be willing to obey the commands of God to inherit Life Eternal.
4. That infants are born safe - They are not sinners - They will not, therefore, be lost.
5. That God's grace is not irresistible - That man can refuse this Marvelous Grace.
6. That the position of the believer is Conditional in reference to Eternal Life.

CRUX: God by virtue of His love for lost mankind freely gave His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Mankind cannot earn this salvation. It is not of ourselves, not of work, lest we should boast. It is the grace of God. Nevertheless, man appropriates this grace to himself by obedience.