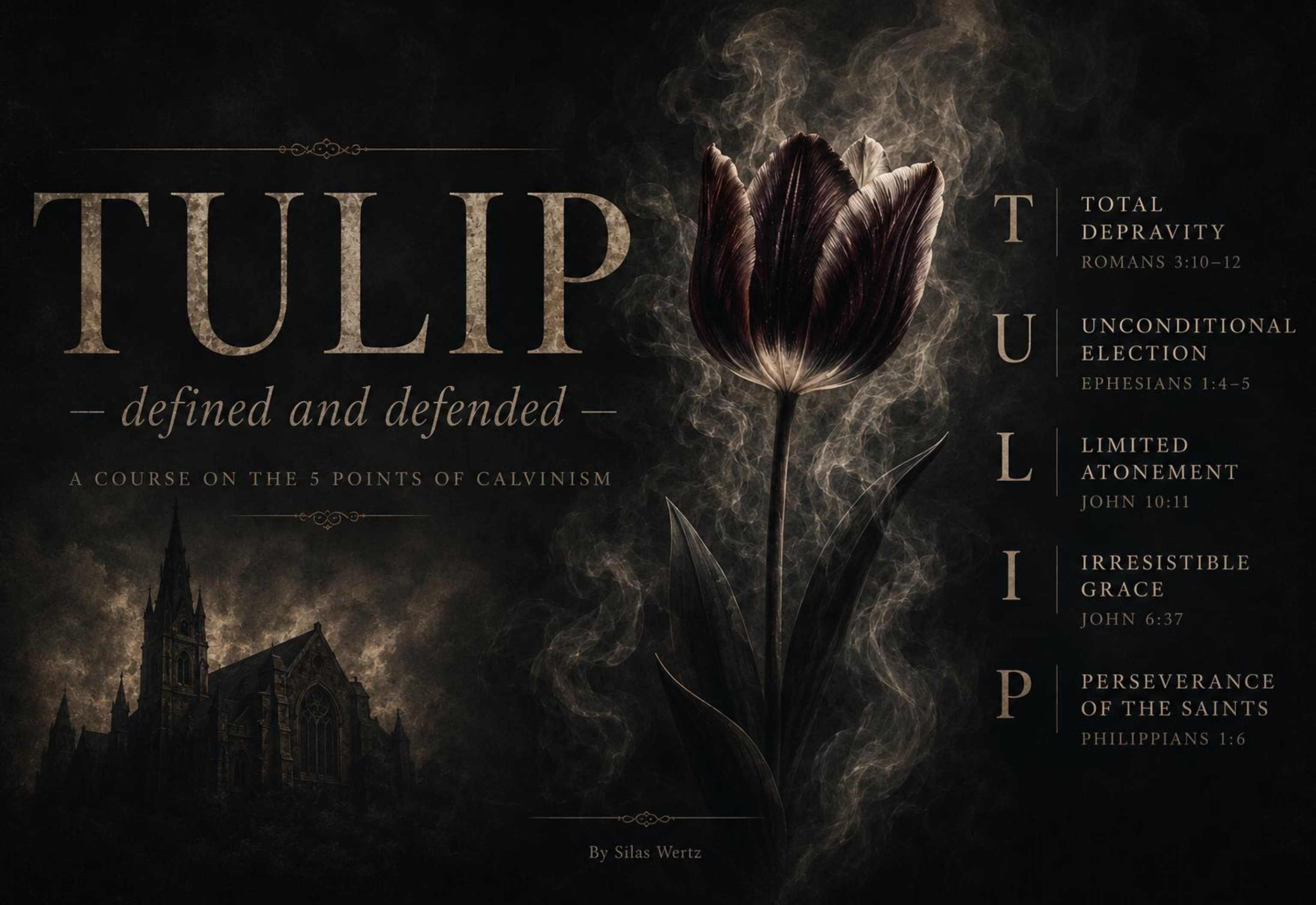




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Overview:

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Lesson 07: Perseverance of the Saints



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Definition

- “If you have it—that is, if you have genuine faith and are in a state of saving grace—you will never lose it. If you lose it, you never had it.” – R.C. Sproul



What Perseverance of the Saints doesn't mean

- Perseverance of the Saints
doesn't mean that it is up to us to
persevere.
- Rather, it means that God
perseveres through us.



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1 Corinthians 15:10

- “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”



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Experience...

- “I know someone that...”
- We can’t see faith; we can only see works.



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Passages:

- John 10:27-30
- Philippians 1:6
- Romans 8:1, 30-39
- 1 John 2:19
- 1 Peter 1:5-9
- John 6:39
- Hebrews 7:25
- Romans 6:1-4
- 1 John 3:9



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God has Promised

- Ultimately, the reason we can know that we will not lose our salvation is because God has promised it:



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John 10:27-30

- “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”



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Philippians 1:6

- “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”



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Ephesians 1:13-14

- “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”



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Romans 8:1

- “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”



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Romans 8:30-35

- And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?



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Romans 8:36-39

- “As it is written “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



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1 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 it might become plain that they all are not of us.”



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1 Peter 1:3-5

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



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John 6:39

- “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.”



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Hebrews 7:25

- “Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”



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Once Saved Always Saved?

- True phrase, but dangerous if applied wrongly.
- Often used to essentially say: “As long as you made the decision to accept Jesus into your heart, even if you go on in unrepentant sin, you have no reason to fear, because of the decision that you made.”



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Once Saved Always Saved?

- The reason we can know that we won't lose our salvation isn't because God will allow us to continue in unrepentant sin and simply look the other way.
- Rather, perseverance of the saints teaches that God changes the hearts of His chosen ones, such that it is impossible for them to continue in unrepentant sin for their whole lives.



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Romans 6:1-4

- “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”



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1 John 3:9

- “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.”



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What about the warning passages?

- Warning passages are God's means of keeping His elect.



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Hebrews 6:4-7

- “For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.”



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Why 4 Point Calvinism Doesn't Work

- Perseverance of the Saints is rooted in the other 4 points.



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