

**May 31, 2026**  
**I Peter 1:1-5**  
**“Cause And Effect Part 2”**

**PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION**

Diving deeper, searching the Scriptures regarding soteriology, the doctrine of salvation.

The sovereignty of God and man’s freewill.

Calvinism, Arminianism, Apostasy what are they?

Calvin’s TULIP

Total depravity, unconditional election, limited atonement, irresistible grace, perseverance of the saints. When this writer is asked, are you a Calvinists?

My answer is-only as much as the Bible is.

Arminianism is the idea that a person can lose their salvation.

Apostasy is the idea that a person can decide to become un-born again.

The more one searches the Scriptures the more one understands that a believer’s relationship with God is by: Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone and to the glory of God alone.

What does all of this information mean for you and me?

Love Jesus, love others, and go tell the world about Him!

All Scripture is quoted from the CSB.

**John 1:12-13**, “But to all who did receive him, he gave to them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of natural descent, or the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.”

**John 6:37**, “Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out.

**John 6:44**, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

**John 15:16**, “You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.”

**Romans 6:23**, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Romans 8:33**, “Who can bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies.”

**Romans 10:9-10**, “If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

**Galatians 2:21**, “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.”

**Ephesians 1:4-5**, “For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. He predestined us to to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.”

**Ephesians 1:13**, “In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.”

**Ephesians 2:1**, “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins”

**Ephesians 2:4-5**, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!”

**Ephesians 2:8-9**, “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is God’s gift-not from works, so that no one can boast.”

**Ephesians 4:30**, “And do not grieve God’s Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.”

Meditate on this statement in light of salvation, “It is God’s nature to make something out of nothing; hence one who is not yet nothing, out of him God cannot make anything.” *Martin Luther*

**Application:** “It is impossible for us to fully understand the relationship between God’s sovereignty and man’s free will responsibility. Only God truly knows how they work together in His plan of salvation. With this doctrine, probably more than any other, it is crucially important to admit our inability to fully grasp the nature of God and our relationship with Him. Going too far to either side results in a distorted understanding of salvation.” *J. I. Packer*