

TULIP

God's Sovereignty in Salvation	Total Depravity (Total Inability) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effect of the fall of man is that sin extends to every part of his emotions, thinking, and will (Ro.3:10-11 — “¹⁰There is none righteous, not even one; ¹¹There is none who seeks for God”). The there is none who seeks for God”). The unregenerated man is completely dead in his sins (Ro.5:12).• Man without the Holy Spirit cannot accept the gospel (1Co.2:14 — “a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised”). While we were yet in our sins God made us alive together with Christ (Ep.2:1-5).	Unconditional Election <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God chose (Ro.9:15, 21) to bring some to a saving knowledge of Himself, not based on anything they would or would not do (Ro.9:10-14). God chose some to receive glory, and others to receive wrath (Ro.9:14-24). We all deserve wrath, the difference is that God in His compassion and mercy chose to save some (Ro.9:15-16, 18, 23-24).• This decision was made before the foundation of the world (Ep.1:4-8).• God chose us “for good works” (Ep.2:10).	Limited Effectual Atonement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited effectual atonement refers to those whose sins Christ actually atones. Christ died for the sins of particular sinners. He had an exact plan in mind, not merely a potential atonement for all people. Another way of saying this is that Christ did not atone all men, because we know that not all men will be saved.• Not all hold to this particular atonement of Christ's death. Many believe that Christ's death was sufficient to save all men (Jn.3:16), but God only chose to save some (Ep.5:25). Thus, the atonement of Christ is limited to those who actually receive forgiveness.• Christ will not lose any that the Father gives to Him (Jn.6:37, 65; 10:25-30).	Irresistible Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irresistible grace says that all that the Father gives to Christ will come to Him (Jn.6:37 — “All that the Father gives Me shall come to me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out”). The Father must first draw men to Christ, for no one can come to Christ unless the Father draws him (Jn.6:44). The word for draws has the idea of dragging a net. Those who the net drags go without having made a chose to go.• Though the outward call of the gospel can be rejected, the inward call of the Holy Spirit never fails to result in conversion the elect.	Perseverance of the Elect <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perseverance of the elect focuses on Christ's work to guarantee that all those the Father has given to Him will remain saved. Christ fulfills the will of the Father by saving all the elect. All the elect will be glorified (Jn.6:39). Some use the phrase, “once saved, always saved.” This does not focus on the elect keeping himself saved. He cannot! This is the work of God to guarantee or promise that those He saved He will not give up on (Ph.1:6).• Peter exhorts us to make our calling and election sure (1Pe.2:10). Our election is sure because we are in Christ and sealed (2Co.1:21-22; Ep.1:3-14; 4:30). Because of the Thessalonian's demonstrated faith, love, and hope, Paul could know God's choice of them (1Th. 1:3-4).
Man's Responsibility to Believe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Though man is dead in sin, the fact that Scripture commands man to believe demonstrates that he can believe when the Holy Spirit convinces him of the gospel.• When Adam fell, did it affect his personality, emotions, and will? Is the unregenerated man a slave to sin? (1Jn.5:19; Ro.6:20; Ti.3:3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God elects those He foreknew would believe the gospel message (1Pe.1:1-2). Though we are fallen we still can desire to have fellowship with God.• Does God have the power and authority to save all men? Is God under obligation to save any? God chose to leave Satan in his sin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The death of Christ is sufficient to save all men if only they would believe the gospel (Jn.3:16).• Christ's death did not ensure the salvation of anyone, but it did create the possibility for everyone if they believe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Man can reject the gospel message. The Holy Spirit may convict someone, but they may choose to reject that message.• Man is never so completely controlled by God that he cannot reject the gospel message.• Is there any text that tells us that faith is given to us? or is it always something we need to demonstrate? (Ac.13:48; 16:14).	The Bible clearly teaches the sovereignty of God in salvation and the moral responsibility of man to believe. Both are true, and the Bible does not clearly resolve this apparent paradox. <div>Tom Elseroad http://www.elseroad.com 10-05-2003 election_tulip.cdr</div>