



Once Saved Always Saved?

# Five Points of Calvinism

**T** – total depravity

**U** – unconditional election

**L** – limited atonement

**I** – irresistible grace

**P** – perseverance of the saints

# Can a Christian Fall Away?

**Hebrews 6.4-6 says yes!**

A person who has:

- Been enlightened
- Tasted the heavenly gift
- Shared in the Holy Spirit
- Tasted the goodness of the Word
- Tasted the powers of the age to come

Can fall away!

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## **What does it mean to “fall away”?**

- “to completely reject and rebel against Christ” Heb. 10.26
- It results in judgment and destruction

## **Can a person who has fallen away repent?**

- Yes, but they must do so of their own will and desire
  - Such is the case with the prodigal son

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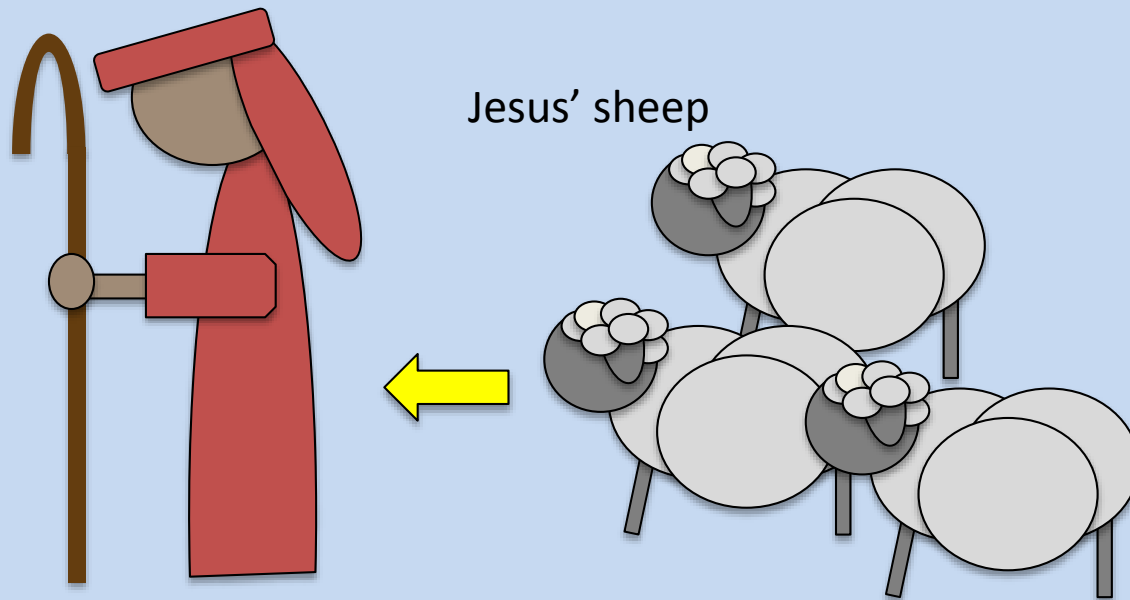
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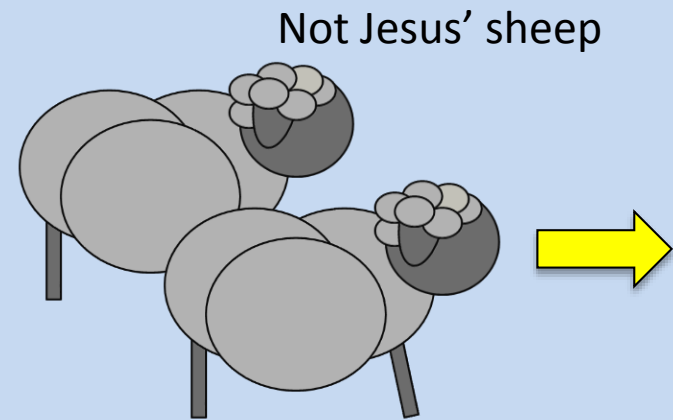
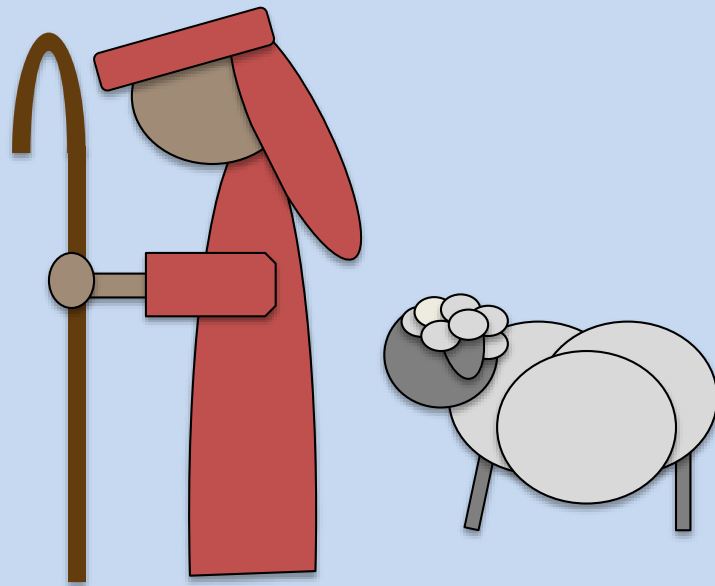
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- **“What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?” Romans 8.35**



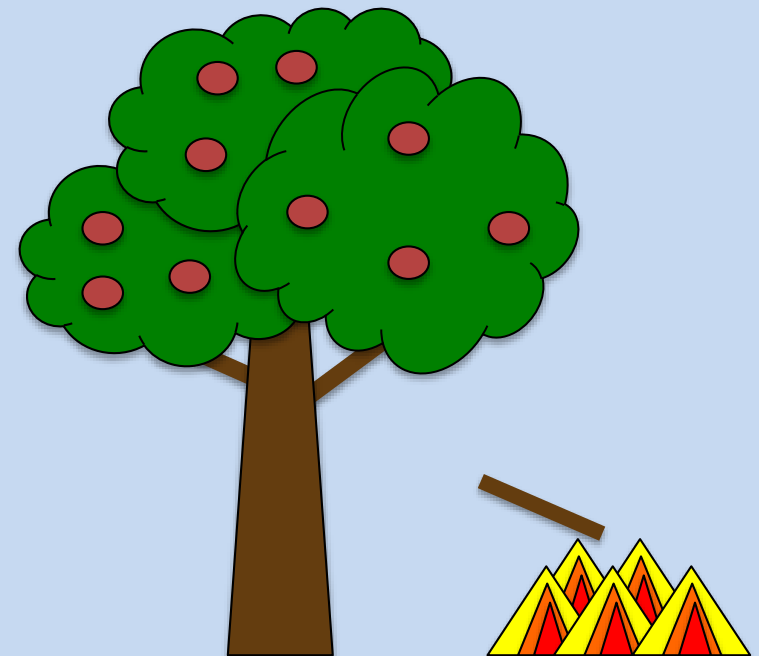
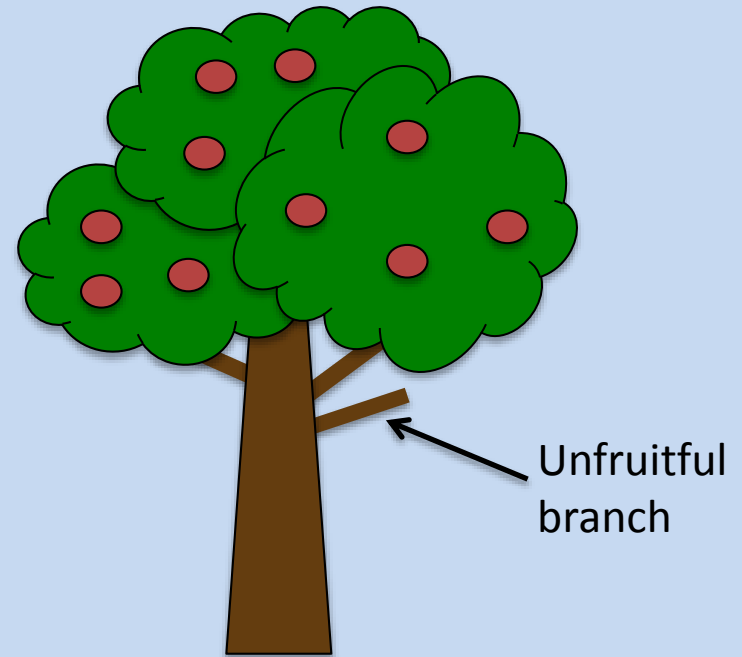
## John 15.1-2,6,10

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.



The reason that we don't believe the doctrine of "Once Saved Always Saved":

the Bible doesn't teach it!

# So What?

- **Should we live our lives in fear of forfeiting our salvation?**
  - **Certainly not, the Bible gives us much assurance concerning our salvation, provided we continue to live faithfully!**  
**Hebrews 6.7-12**
  
- **We must continue to strive towards salvation Hebrews 3.12-14; 4.11**