



Whosoever Will Pastor Robert

Focus God reconciled the world to Himself through Christ, who made full payment for our sins. Although Jesus died for all of us, we must choose to receive His saving grace. Many have been led down the wrong path through unbelief or by rejecting His invitation. Heaven is our reward when we believe, then receive.

Fun What would your preferred snack be: sweet or salty? If you were to choose one to describe yourself, which would it be?

Review Key Scriptures: John 3:16–17; 2 Corinthians 5:19–20; Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 7:24, 26; Matthew 16:25; Romans 10:13 (KJV)

TULIP is an acronym representing the five points of Calvinism, but God's Word indicates a different view:

1. **Total Depravity**

This belief points to our depravity and sin nature, believing that we cannot choose where we spend eternity. However, although we have a sin nature (Romans 3:23), we can choose to come to Christ.

2. **Unconditional Election**

This belief teaches that God chooses who will go to heaven or hell, but God's Word tells us that He does not want any of us to perish (Matthew 24:14; John 1:29).

3. **Limited Atonement**

This belief means that Jesus only died for certain individuals, yet Scripture shows us that Christ died for all (Hebrews 7:27, 9:12).

4. Irresistible Grace

This belief states that elect individuals cannot resist the grace of God, but there are many instances in His Word where we are told that we must choose whether to receive or reject God's invitation (Acts 7:51; Matthew 10:32–33).

5. Perseverance of the Saints

This belief asserts that no matter what happens, the saints will persevere. However, the key word should be *preserve*, because it is when we are faithful that He preserves us (Psalm 31:23, 37:38, 97:10).

Group Dynamics Idea Challenge yourselves to find some additional examples in the New Testament where the word *whosoever* is used in relation to salvation.

Discuss

1. Pastor Robert defined doctrine as “The Master’s Teaching.” How has your understanding of doctrine grown or changed through the years?
2. Explain the consequences of choice according to John 3:36. Why do you believe God gave us the freedom to choose?
3. What does this statement mean to you: “Your sin debt is paid and the righteousness of God is deposited into your account”?
4. What does God say about those who resist His call (Acts 7:51; Matthew 7:26, 10:33)?
5. What does God say about those who respond to His call (Matthew 7:24, 10:32)?
6. Read 2 Timothy 1:12. How is God’s grace demonstrated in this verse? Does it have anything to do with our strength or faithfulness?
7. Identify who God is referring to in these passages (from KJV): Matthew 16:25; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13; John 3:16? Is He calling you?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- We are born with a sin nature.

- We can choose to come to Christ.
- When we choose Christ, we are reconciled.
- When we are reconciled, our sins are forgiven.
- When our sins are forgiven, we can spend eternity in heaven.

Prayer

Jesus, I hear You calling. Today I repent of my sins and invite You into my life. Guide me and help me to grow in understanding and in the knowledge of Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Icebreakers help to put people at ease, especially at the beginning of a semester when new members may be present. Take this opportunity to use the Fun section of this study or find some icebreakers of your own. Laughter can change the whole atmosphere of a gathering.