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John 6:44-45 Salvation Is Only and Purely of God

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John 6 and Saving Faith

John 6:26-29

Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.** 27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal. 28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, **that you believe in Him whom He has sent.**"

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The "One Who Comes to Me" = Faith

John 6:35-37

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; **he who comes to Me** will not hunger, and **he who believes in Me** will never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me **will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.**"

"he who comes to Me" = "he who believes in Me"
The one who believes in Jesus is eternally secure!

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The Inability of Mankind

John 6:44-45

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, "AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, **comes to Me.**

BLUE: "comes to Me" = comes to faith in Christ

Inability: No one is able to come to faith in Christ

Effectual Provision: The Father's drawing: (1) Taught of God (2) Heard + learned

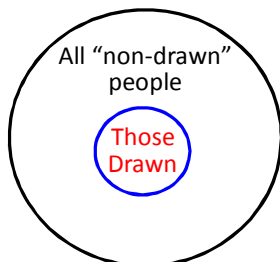
The result of drawing: comes to faith in Jesus; raised up

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Elect vs. Non-Elect



Biblically:

1. According to Matt. 7:13-14, do most people find salvation or judgment?
2. According to John 6:37 and 6:45, are all those drawn by the Father saved?

1. Can "non-drawn people" come to Son? (NO!)
2. Are any of the "non-drawn people" saved? (NO!)
3. Do all "those drawn" come to the Son? (YES!)
4. Are all "those drawn" saved (YES!)

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John 12:32 Has Different Context

John 12:20

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast **were some Greeks.**

John 12:31-32

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, **will draw all people** to myself.

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The Spiritual Inability of Man

Deuteronomy 29:4

Yet to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

Matthew 19:25–26

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “**Who then can be saved?**”
26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible**, but with God all things are possible.”

Romans 3:10–11

as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;
11 no one understands; **no one seeks for God.**”

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God Reveals Salvation to Some

Matthew 11:25–27

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have **hidden** these things from the wise and understanding and **revealed** them to little children; 26 yes, **Father, for such was your gracious will.** 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son **and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**”

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God “Grants” Salvation to Some

Matthew 13:11

And he answered them, “**To you it has been given to know** the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it has not been given.**”

2 Timothy 2:24–25

And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth...

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TULIP Is Biblical

Total Depravity: John 6:44; 10:26; Matt. 19:26; Rom. 3:11

Unconditional Election: John 6:44; Eph. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13

Limited Atonement: John 10:15; 2 Cor. 5:21

Irresistible Grace: John 6:45; Rom. 9:19

Perseverance of the Saints: John 10:27; Rom. 8:30

Matthew 19:26

And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “**With people this is impossible**, but with God all things are possible.”

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Unconditional Election

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation** through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; **and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.**

Romans 10:20

And Isaiah is very bold and says, “**I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME**, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

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Limited Atonement

John 10:15

even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and **I lay down My life for the sheep.**

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people from their sins.**

Acts 20:28

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

John 17:9

I ask on their behalf; **I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me**; for they are Yours.

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Irresistible Grace

John 6:45

It is written in the prophets, "AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD." **Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.**

Romans 8:30

and these whom He **predestined**, He also called; and these whom He **called**, He also justified; and these whom He **justified**, He also **glorified**.

Romans 9:19

You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? **For who resists His will?**"

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Perseverance of the Saints

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and **they will never perish**; and **no one will snatch them out of My hand**. 29 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**.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, **nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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TULIP IS ALL HERE!

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No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, "AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, **comes to Me**.

Total (inability) = No one can

Unconditional Election = Only those drawn come to faith!

Limited Atonement = Jesus atoned only for those He will raise up!

Irresistible Grace = "Everyone who has heard + learned from the Fathers comes to Me."

Perseverance of the saints = "...and I will raise him up on the last day"

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