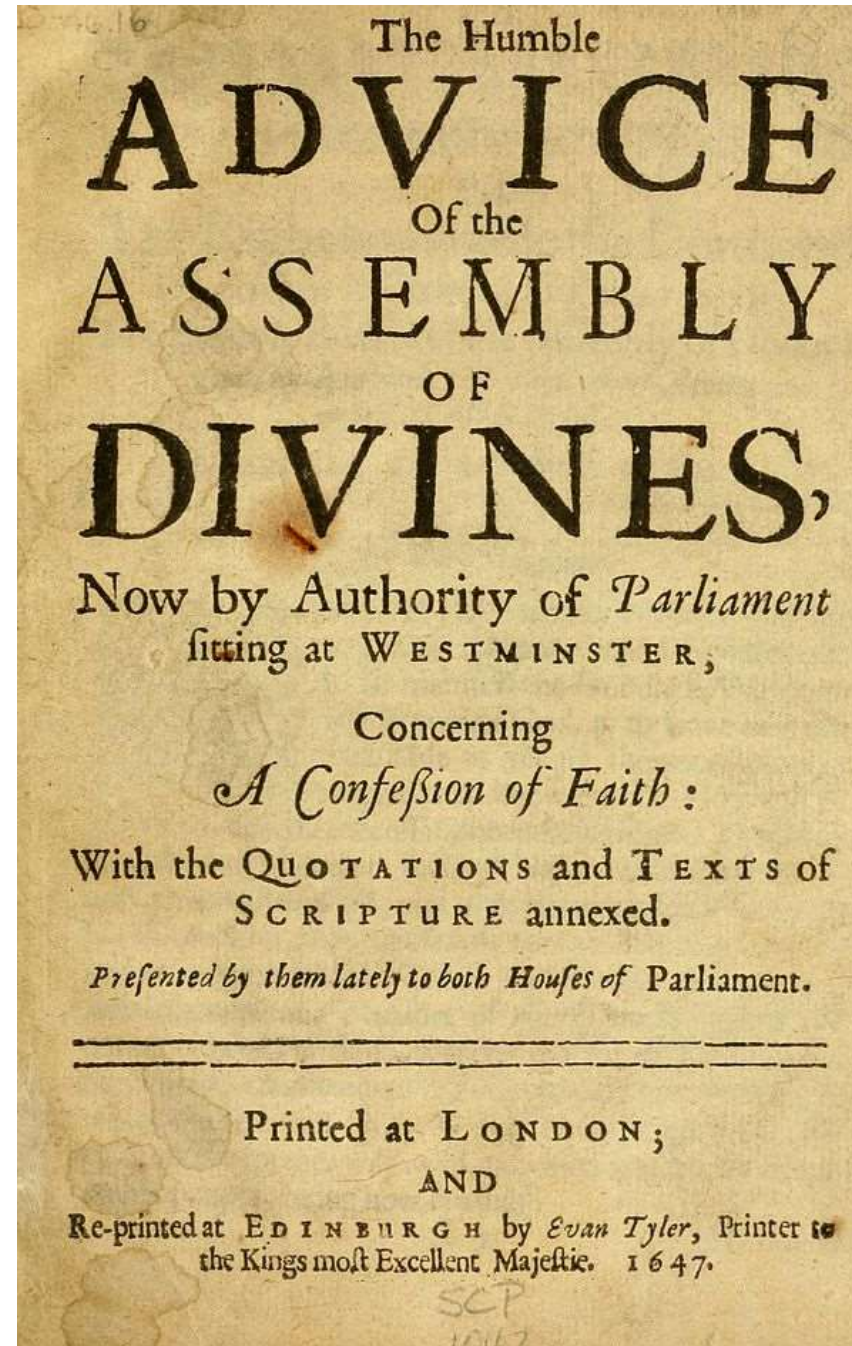


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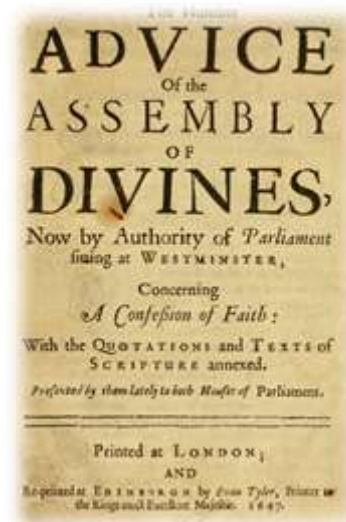
1. Man is “altogether passive” in his salvation



"All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually *to call, by his Word and Spirit, . . . not from any thing at all foreseen in man, who is altogether **passive** therein* ... Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, ... yet they never truly come to Christ, and therefore cannot be saved ..."

- Chap. X, p. 1-4 [

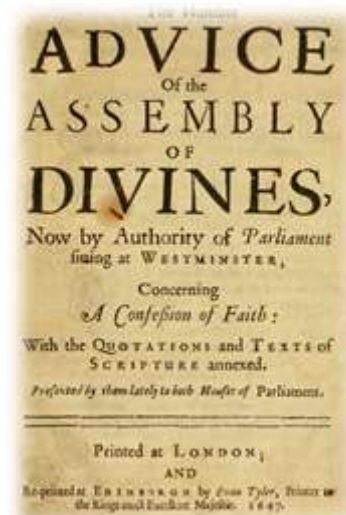
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 - note what sinners do in Matthew 13:20-23
 - the book of Acts shows sinners active in seeking salvation from God (Acts 2:7, 8, 12, 37; 8:30, 34, 35, 36)

2. “Once saved, always saved”

“They, whom God hath accepted... can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.”



“Once Saved, Always Saved”

“Not even we ourselves could lose our salvation, (or) get out of his hand” (*Kent Brandenburg, Baptist Preacher*).

“...there is absolute safety and security for the Father’s child even while he is sinning” (*Lewis Sperry Chafer, Shank, Life In The Son, p. 133*).

“All the sins he may commit from idolatry to murder will not make his soul in any more danger...The way a man lives has nothing whatsoever to do with the saving of his soul...The way I live has nothing whatsoever to do with the saving of my soul” (*Sam Morris, Baptist Preacher*).

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Lu 8:12 "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

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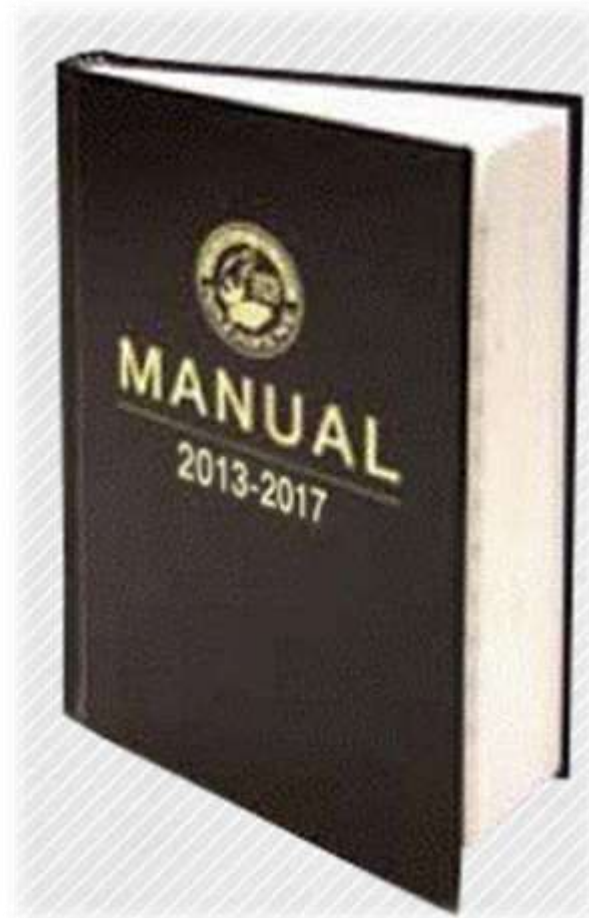
- Lk. 8:12-13

- The book of Acts gives examples of people whom God had accepted did not persevere (Acts 5:2-3, 9; 8:23-24; 15)

3. “Church manuals”

- . . . it is incumbent upon our members to acquaint themselves with this *Manual—the* history of the church and the doctrines and ethical practices of the ideal Nazarene.

<http://nazarene.org/ministries/gensec/Manual/display.html>



3. “Church manuals”

- Mt. 13:20-23 words must be heard, understood, and received
- The Bible is the complete source for doctrine and unity (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 4:4-6; Prov. 27:17; 1 Cor. 14:33)

4. We must avoid overreacting to man's errors or being deceived

A. "Because they're wrong, we're right."

2 Cor. 4:5

B. "We could never. . ." 1 Cor. 10:12

C. "Its unkind to name names" Mt. 5:20; 23;

Mt. 16:6; Col. 1:28

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