Are you a Calvinist, an Arminian, or a hybrid?

Which of the following statements* best describe your understanding of Scriptural teachings concerning salvation? Circle A or B for each of the following five points.

1. T – Total Inability or Total Depravity

A. "The sinner is dead, blind, and deaf to the things of God; his heart is deceitful and desperately corrupt. His will is not free, it is in bondage to his evil nature, therefore, he will not – indeed he cannot – choose good over evil in the spiritual realm. Consequently, it takes much more than the Spirit's assistance to bring a sinner to Christ – it takes regeneration by which the Spirit makes the sinner alive and gives him a new nature."

B. "God graciously enables every sinner to repent and believe, but He does not interfere with man's freedom. Each sinner possesses a free will, and his eternal destiny depends on how he uses it. Man's freedom consists of his ability to choose good over evil in spiritual matters; his will is not enslaved to his sinful nature. The sinner has the power to either cooperate with God's Spirit and be regenerated or resist God's grace and perish. The lost sinner needs the Spirit's assistance, but he does not have to be regenerated by the Spirit before he can believe, for faith is man's act and precedes the new birth."

2. U – Unconditional Election

A. "God's choice of certain individuals unto salvation before the foundation of the world was based upon His foreseeing that they would respond to His call."

B. "God's choice of certain individuals unto salvation before the foundation of the world rested solely in His own sovereign will."

3. L – Limited Atonement or Particular Redemption

A. "Christ's redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them. His death was a substitutionary endurance of the penalty of sin in the place of certain specified sinners."

B. "Christ's redeeming work made it possible for everyone to be saved but did not actually secure the salvation of anyone. Although Christ died for all men and for every man, only those who believe on Him are saved."

* Excerpted from *Romans: An Interpretative Outline* by David N. Steele and Curtis C. Thomas.

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4. I – Irresistible Grace

A. "The Spirit calls inwardly all those who are called outwardly by the gospel invitation; He does all that He can to bring every sinner to salvation. But inasmuch as man is free, he can successfully resist the Spirit's call. The Spirit cannot regenerate the sinner until he believes."

B. "In addition to the outward general call to salvation which is made to everyone who hears the gospel, the Holy Spirit extends to the elect a special inward call that inevitably brings them to salvation."

5. P – Perseverance of the Saints

A. "All who are chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and given faith by the Spirit are eternally saved. They are kept in faith by the power of Almighty God and thus persevere to the end."

B. "Those who believe and are truly saved can lose their salvation by failing to keep up their faith, etc."

If you answered A, B, A, B, A … you are a five-point Calvinist.
If you answered B, A, B, A, B … you are a five-point Arminian.
If you fell somewhere in between … you are a hybrid – and possibly a Southern Baptist.