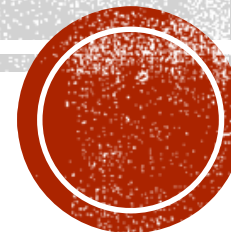# PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

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LOGICAL FALLACY: AFFIRMING THE CONSEQUENT

- A formal logical fallacy confusing the directionality of if-then propositions.
  - If **it is raining** then **the lawn is wet**.
    - **'it is raining' (Antecedent)**
    - **'lawn is wet' (Consequent)**
  - It is raining therefore the lawn is wet. (Affirming the Antecedent) (Correct or Wrong?)
    - **Correct**
  - It is not raining therefore the lawn is not wet. (Denying the Antecedent) (Correct or Wrong?)
    - **Wrong**
  - The lawn is not wet therefore it is not raining. (Denying the Consequent) (Correct or Wrong?)
    - **Correct**
  - The lawn is wet therefore it is raining. (Affirming the Consequent) (Correct or Wrong?)
    - **Wrong**

AFFIRMING THE CONSEQUENT EXAMPLE 1

- If there was a common ancestor then DNA would be similar between living organisms.

- DNA is similar between living organisms therefore there is a common ancestor. (Correct or Wrong?)

- **Wrong**

- If there was a common designer then DNA would be similar between living organisms.

AFFIRMING THE CONSEQUENT EXAMPLE 2

- If man believes God from his own libertarian free will then the Bible would tell man to believe.

- The Bible tells man to believe therefore man believes from his own libertarian free will.(Correct or wrong?)

- **Wrong**

- If the Bible is the means by which God calls His regenerated elect then the Bible would tell man to believe.

AFFIRMING THE CONSEQUENT EXAMPLE 3

- If a saved person could lose their salvation then the Bible would warn men to not fall away.

- The Bible warns men to not fall away therefore a saved person could lose their salvation.(Correct or wrong?)

- **Wrong**

- If the Bible is the means by which God perseveres His regenerated elect then the Bible would warn men to not fall away.