

## THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD Pt. 2

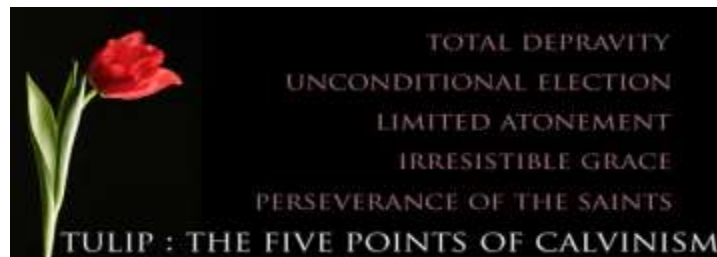
### 1. God is SOVEREIGN.

- a. **God's sovereignty means** that God possesses supreme POWER and AUTHORITY so that He is in absolute & ultimate CONTROL and can accomplish whatever He PLEASES.
- b. **God is sovereign... because of His POSITION** (Ps. 97:1; 99:1-3; 103:19; 113:1-6; Dan. 4:17, 25, 34-35), because of His POWER (2 Chron. 20:6; Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:3, because of His PLEASURE (Ps. 115:3; 135:5-6; Eph. 1:5, 9), which is borne out by His PROVIDENCE (Esther).
- c. **God's sovereignty extends ... over MAN** (1 Samuel 2:6-8), over NATIONS (Gen. 15:16; Deut. 7:6-8; Hab. 1:6), over HISTORY (Daniel 2; Ps. 135:5-12), over NATURE. (Matthew 6:45), over ANGELS (Psalm 103:20), over SATAN (Job 1:6-12), and over SIN (Gen. 45:5-8; 50:20)

Thus, God is still on the throne of the universe & is working out His plan for human history that will ultimately and rightly GLORIFY Himself and BLESS undeserving mankind by God's amazing and incredible GRACE because of Jesus Christ.

### d. We must guard against the imbalance of ...

- (1) erroneously thinking that while God controls history, He must \_\_\_\_ sin & evil. (James 1:13)
- (2) viewing His sovereignty apart from His other \_\_\_\_\_ like omniscience. (1 Pet. 1:2)
- (3) failing to recognize that God has a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will that is \_\_\_\_\_ (stated in His Word), \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) viewing God's sovereignty as fatalistic instead of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) theological systems like \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.



### e. Though God is sovereign ....

- (1) this does not dismiss human or angelic \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Did not God permit the Fall of Satan and man yet still remain sovereign?
  - Why did He allow volition? What is the cause of Satan's and man's original sin?

- Has not God declared certain consequences for rebellion or obedience, along with determining their outcome and final destiny? (Genesis 2:16-17; John 3:18; Rev. 20:10-15)
- Does not God still permit rebellion against His plan & purposes by Satan (with his demons) and by mankind yet still remain sovereign, though there are appropriate consequences positively or negatively that result? (Gal. 6:7-9; 1 Sam. 2:30; Heb. 10:38, 11:6; 1 Cor. 3:11-15)
- Does “total depravity” (scripturally understood) mean “total inability to believe”? (Isa. 1:3-6, 18-20, 53:6; Acts 16:31) Doesn't God in His sovereignty have the right to give mankind choices within limits?

**(2) this should not cause us to fail to recognize GOD'S part and MAN'S choices regarding ...**

**(a) The death of Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ willingly died and rose again in keeping with the \_\_\_\_\_ plan & purposes, though certain individuals were held specifically \_\_\_\_\_ for His death. (1 Peter 1:18-20; Acts 2:22-24; 4:24-28)

**(b) The salvation of man: God's part:** the Father \_\_\_\_\_ the plan (Acts 2:22-24), Jesus Christ willingly came to Earth and \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins and \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10: 11,17-18) to provide salvation for all as a gift, while the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the world. (2 Cor. 4:4; Jn 16:7-11)  
**Man's part:** whoever \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ alone as presented in the Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:31), \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 10:43) and receives \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn 3:16)

**The biblical balance:** While mankind is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to save themselves from the penalty of their sins through their own efforts, works or religious rituals, God has chosen to display His grace by saving those who \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in His Son (Eph. 2:7-9). Thus, \_\_\_ does the initiating, planning, providing, and convicting, while each sinner must \_\_\_\_\_ to either receive (by faith) or reject Jesus Christ resulting in eternal salvation or condemnation. (Jn. 3:17-18)

**f. Though God is sovereign, your decisions as a believer matter as ...**

- (1) Righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ a nation but \_\_\_\_\_ is a disgrace to any people. (Prov. 14:34; Rom. 1)**
- (2) Your \_\_\_\_\_ in faith & in keeping with God's will \_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:2-3, 5:16)**
- (3) Your choice to \_\_\_\_\_ the milk of the Word is required for your spiritual growth. (1 Peter 2:2)**
- (4) Your \_\_\_\_\_ to daily enter the faith-rest life is imperative. (Heb. 4:11; Rom. 12:1)**
- (5) Your willingness to trust in the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_ is honored by God. (Prov. 3:5-6)**
- (6) Your labor in the Lord (by His grace) is not \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 15:58) or \_\_\_\_\_ by God (Heb. 6:10).**
- (7) To be carnally minded is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be spiritually minded is \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 8:6)**