

Sense and Sovereignty

1. How Do You Decide What Is Sensible?

2. We Want Sovereignty, not Sensibility.

3. Brought to Our Senses, We Are to Bring Others.

CONCLUSION: How do you separate what makes sense from nonsense? How can you tell? God has not left us in the dark. His resurrection from the dead illuminates the truth that He alone is the victor over death. This comes in conflict with our desire to be autonomous. But just as He conquered death He is able to conquer our rebellion and give us new life and hearts that joyfully submit to His lordship. In the power of the Holy Spirit let us be instruments in His hands to bring others to such gracious sensibility.

Second Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who *through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation*; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, *we are ambassadors for Christ*, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Isaiah 30:1-3

“Ah, *stubborn children*,” declares the Lord, “who carry out a plan, but *not mine*, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to *take refuge* in the protection of Pharaoh and to *seek shelter* in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.

John 14:15-24

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even *the Spirit of truth*, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. *You know him*, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. *Because I live, you also will live*. ²⁰ In that day *you will know* that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and *manifest myself to him*.” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.