

The Sovereignty of God

Sermon 1 in “The Doctrines of Grace and their Practical Implications” Series

Calvin *“Unless we fully believe this (i.e. God’s sovereignty) the very beginning of our faith is periled, by which we profess to believe in God Almighty.”*

I. It all starts with God – Gen. 1:1

II. We can know some things about this Great God

A. We can know some things by Observation.

B. How do we really know anything about God with certainty?

“The Scriptures principally teach – what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.” Baptist Catechism -- # 6

III. We can know some things about God Himself

Gregory Nazianzus (4th century) “It is very shameful, and not only shameful, but very foolish, to take from things below and guess at things above, and from a fluctuating nature at the things that are unchanging.”

Baptist Catechism #7 -- Who is God?

“God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

A. God is Spirit

B. God is Self-Sufficient

C. God is Omniscient – All knowing as the source of All

D. God is Omnipresent – there is nowhere where He is not

What about Jesus? -- Baptist Catechism #24

*“The only redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in **two distinct natures**, and **one person** forever.”*

E. God is Omnipotent – all powerful