



Sovereignty...the God Who Rules All

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The Sovereignty of Our God!

1) Face the **hard reality**, I am not in charge (Romans 9:1-5)

Romans 9:2-3

2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel.

Do you know who rules, reigns, and is sovereign?

2) God's sovereign choice is about **faith** and not **family heritage** (Romans 9:6-13)

Romans 9:6-8

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

When did you figure out our ways are not God's ways?

3) Under God's sovereign hand we see that all have **sinned**, all are **lost**, all are under **judgment**, and all are offered the hope of **salvation!** (Romans 9:14-33)

Romans 9:25-26

²⁵ As he says in Hosea:

*"I will call them 'my people' who are not my people;
and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"*

²⁶ and,

*"In the very place where it was said to them,
'You are not my people,'
there they will be called 'children of the living God.'"*

Can you live with the mystery of God's sovereign will?

4) God's sovereign plan is to [save all people](#) (Romans 10:1-13)

Romans 10:4 and Romans 10:8-11

4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

5) In His sovereign plan, God sends [us](#) out to [share His good news](#) (Romans 10:14-21)

Romans 10:14-15

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Are you following God's plan for you to shine His light?

6) In His sovereignty, God calls foreknows, chooses, and elects...and this is all an act of grace! (Romans 11:1-10)

Romans 11:6

6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Can you rejoice in a grace so deep and rich you can't fully understand it?

7) God's sovereign power makes us one (Romans 11:11-32)

Romans 11:17-20

17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18 do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble.

Are you ready to embrace anyone and everyone God calls to Himself?

The cry of a humble heart to a sovereign God!

Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,

and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?"

35 *"Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"*

36 *For from him and through him and for him are all things.*

To him be the glory forever! Amen.