

Core Value: Sovereignty of God in Salvation

I. The Scriptures teach God is sovereign in salvation.

Ephesians 1:4–5

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

1 Peter 1:1–2

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Romans 8:29

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Matthew 7:21–23

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Romans 9:11

though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—

1 Corinthians 1:30–31

30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

II. Why is God’s sovereignty in salvation such an important doctrine?

A. God’s choice is intended to bring Him all the glory.

Ephesians 1:5–6

5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

B. Understanding God’s sovereignty increases our _____.

C. Understanding God’s sovereignty increases our _____.

- D. Understanding God's sovereignty increases our _____.**
- E. Understanding God's sovereignty will affect our praise and singing in worship.**
- F. Understanding God's sovereignty will increase our _____ for God.**
- G. Understanding God's sovereignty will increase our trust and dependence on God.**
- H. Understanding God's sovereignty will give us greater stability in _____.**

Do you have **questions/comments** about *the sovereignty of God in salvation* that you would like to **discuss with a pastor?**

*** We want to answer your questions! Notes you make in this box at the end of each section can help jog your memory on things to bring up when you meet with a pastor as part of Crossway's membership process ***