

Series: A Glorious Grace: The Sovereignty of Grace

Message: The Doctrines of Grace: Part Two

Scripture: Selected Texts

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Last week:

1. God's Grace Is Essential.

J. C. Ryle

There are very few errors and false doctrines of which the beginning may not be traced up to unsound views about the corruption of human nature. Wrong views of a disease will always bring with them wrong views of a remedy. Wrong views of the corruption of human nature will always carry with them wrong views of the grand antidote and cure of that corruption.

Jack Miller

Cheer up! You're a worse sinner than you ever dared to imagine – and you're more loved than you ever dared to hope.

This Week

2. God's Grace Is Sovereign.

Journalled thoughts

Unless we see the extent of our sin, we cannot grasp the depth of love required by God to embrace us unconditionally. And unless we see the extent of God's sovereignty in showing us grace, we will always see His embrace conditioned by something we've done to merit His love.

Baptist Confession of Faith, 1689

Those of mankind who are predestined unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.

Romans 9:10-16

¹⁰ And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

¹¹ for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

¹² it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger."

¹³ Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴ What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

¹⁵ For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Romans 9:28

²⁸ for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly."

Definition of Free Will

Not the ability to make a choice without prejudice inclination of disposition, but the ability to choose what one desires.

Acts 13:48

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

John 6:37

³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

John 6:44a

^{44a} "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;...

John 6:65-66

⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

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Next week:

3. God's Grace Is Particular.
4. God's Grace Is Irresistible.
5. God's Grace Is Irretractable.