

## WHAT IS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD?

Psalm 89:34 My Covenant I will not brake nor alter the words that I have spoken.

Psa. 115:16 The heaven of heavens belongs to the Lord but the earth has he given to the children of men.

2 Cor 4:4 The god of this world

John 17:16 I am not from the world

Psalm 138:2 God has exalted His Word above His Name

"And God said, let us make man in our image and after our likeness and ***let them have dominion***. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God create he him; male and female create he them," (Genesis 1:26a & 27).

God has limited Himself by the words He has spoken and we were given a free will in the garden. When God placed Adam and Eve in Eden, He relinquished control over their decision-making. Adam and Eve were not forced to obey God's will. Instead, their obedience to Him would have to be freely chosen.

God gave Adam, Eve and all future generations this precious gift of freedom to choose and have free will. Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, and chose their will instead of God's and sin entered the world. "Wherefore by one man, Adam, sin came into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men," (Romans 5:12).

All who came after them have made matters worse with more of their own wrong and evil decisions. All the sin and suffering that have marked human history since Eden are the result of God ***relinquishing control*** over what we do. People like you and me abuse our God-given freedom and thus increase the hurt and destruction that is in the world.

Jesus created and upholds all things Heb 1:3 Psalm 33:6 and has final control of all things in heaven and earth. There is coming a time when Jesus returns that this dispensation controlled by the fall of Adam will end, man's free will come to a close, and all things will come back into the will and control of God, (1 Corinthians 15:24).

I have ministered to people who were abused as children, and were then taught at some of our churches that God was in some way, a part of or allowed these traumatic and abhorrent events. ***Nothing could be further from the truth!*** Our Father is grieved by the acts of evil and demons always try and get us as Christians to blame God for actions that were inspired by them.

The way the "Sovereignty of God" is taught in the Church today is one of the most destructive doctrines. It is one of the greatest deceptions the devil has birthed in the Church. It literally makes our efforts and actions irrelevant, and makes Our Father look like He is involved with, is a part of and is "ok" with the evil that men do to one another. To think and teach that God lets evil things happen to children is giving aid to the oppressors. God has given free will to man and he can chose to do evil deeds. Since the fall in the garden of Eden, we have and still do evil deeds, ***completely contrary*** to the will of God.

Religion has resulted in the invention of a new meaning for the word "sovereign," which basically means: "God controls everything". Nothing can happen but what He wills or allows. However, there is nothing in the actual definition that states that. The dictionary defines "sovereign" as:

1. Paramount; supreme.
2. Having supreme rank or power.
3. Independent: a sovereign state.
4. Excellent.

The word “sovereign” is not used in the King James Version of the Bible. It is used 303 times in the Old Testament of the New International Version, but it is always used in association with the word “LORD” and is the equivalent of the King James Version’s “Lord God.” Not a single one of those times is the word “sovereign” used in the manner that it has come to be used in religion in our day and time

None of these definitions means that God controls everything, free will and wrong choices control what happens in the world today. The god of this world inspires most of the activity of this world 2 Cor 4:4.

Where does our doctrine of the “Sovereignty of God” originate? One of the most influential of the early Church fathers, Augustine, was very instrumental in the development and propagation of many of the church doctrines we hold so tightly to today including, “The Sovereignty of God.”

He theorized and developed a theological teaching that there is no such thing as evil. He said, “it wasn’t evil; it was just how you perceive it to be.” “If you really knew the intent of God, everything that looks like it is bad in your life, is not bad.” “God allows this to happen;” “He doesn’t cause it, but He allows it to happen for the good in your life.”

These concepts have been taught to literally hundreds of thousands of pastors, teachers, and layman alike. Through these students, the error has multiplied, literally paralyzing millions within the Church.

The great error in Augustine’s theology, is with everyone believing that it is part of God’s will for us to experience sickness, disease, and poverty and all the evil things that men do to others, that somehow God lets these things happen. God detest sin and evil, especially evil done to children, Our Father through Jesus warned against evil done to children that it would have been better had they been thrown into the sea with a milestone would be around their necks Luke 17:2 and that revenge belongs to God Heb 10:30.

Augustine’s teaching infers that God is using some tragedy or disease to teach you some deep spiritual truth and all suffering is for some greater good. It is true that we can learn from tragedies and hardships, but God has not orchestrated the tragedies or hardships in our lives to teach us, nor did He allow these things, or was He any part of some of these evil things that men do.

If we deny that evil exists, you are denying that Satan and the hordes of demons under his control exist. By accepting Augustine’s theology you are ACCEPTING ANYTHING the devil decides to put upon you as if it were from God. Can’t you see the danger in that? Do you realize that many of the doctrines the majority of the modern Church holds to and teaches today are doctrines written by men who CANNOT AND NEVER HAVE WALKED IN THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST? These men, because of their powerlessness, have developed doctrines and traditions to justify their IMPOTENCE. The Church needs to throw off every doctrine and tradition that Jesus Christ has not given to us.

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