

Who's In Charge Around Here?

(Assorted Passages)

Central Idea: *How one understands the sovereignty of God and the condition (depravity) of mankind determines one's doctrine of salvation.*

I. What Is Soteriology?

"The study of _____."

II. What Do We Believe?

"We believe... "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We believe that those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord will rejoice forever in God's presence, and those who refuse to accept Christ as Savior and Lord will be condemned to eternal punishment in hell."

III. Views on Soteriology & Salvation

1. Arminianism: Man can do _____ and God's grace enables man to choose Him, but man can reject this grace.
2. 5-Point Calvinism: Man is _____ to respond to God and God predetermines everyone – some to heaven and some to hell.
3. Free Grace: Man is _____, and has the ability to respond, to God's grace upon hearing the gospel plus coming under the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

IV. Defining God's Sovereignty

1. God's sovereignty is a _____ concept. *Psalm 115:3, Isaiah 46:9b-10*
2. Sovereignty may not mean God always gets everything He _____, but He does get everything He decrees/will.
3. Under Augustine, sovereignty became manipulative micro-management of every _____ in the universe. This view was later adopted by John Calvin.

V. Free Grace Theology & God's Sovereignty

1. _____: Salvation is a gracious free gift from God, dependent entirely on the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins and was raised from the dead, and who promises to give forgiveness and eternal life to all who trust in Him.
(Romans 1:1-4, 1 Cor. 15:1-4, John 3:16-18)
2. _____: Although Jesus promises to change a person who trusts in Him, we do not need to have good works to earn our salvation, prove our salvation or keep our salvation.
(Eph. 2:8-9)
3. _____: Those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are united with Christ in His death and resurrection and become new creatures who can never lose their eternal relationship with God.
(Eph. 1:13, Rom. 8:31-39)
4. _____: Those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior can have assurance of their salvation immediately, based upon Scripture. (1 John 5:11-13)
5. _____: God loved the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for the sins of all mankind.
(John 3:16, 1 John 2:2)

VI. So What?

1. It is legitimate to ask whether it is even _____ to explain everything about God, or whether some things are beyond our ability to fully understand and explain.
2. We should study the _____ of _____ and form opinions, but with a great deal of humility and from an honest treatment of the Scriptures.
3. Focusing on one's _____ leads us to _____ our position. Focusing on one's position leads us to grow in our condition.

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