
SOVEREIGNTY

Talk 5: God's Sovereignty and You

"In the final analysis there's no such thing as 'guidance', only obedience."
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A. LIVING WITH JESUS AS LORD

1. God has revealed this plan

Ephesians 1:9-10

2. God has saved us to be involved in his plan

Ephesians 2:1-7

3. God gathers those he saves into his church

Ephesians 2:19-22

4. God gathers the church to demonstrate that his plan is working

Ephesians 3:10-11

5. God grows the church by the teaching of the word

Ephesians 4:11-13



Making God's agenda your agenda

- Marriage
- Work
- Children

Revelation 1

B. FREEDOM FROM....

John 8:34: I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

Rom. 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires

Gal. 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free

Eph. 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

C. FREEDOM FOR....

1. Freed to serve

Luke 1: 72-74 to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

Romans 7:6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

2 Cor 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2. Freed for sanctification

Exodus 19: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

1 Thess. 4:3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable...

3. Freed for obedience

4. Freed to speak the gospel

Two mistakes

To emphasise our role at the expense of God's sovereignty.

To emphasise God's sovereignty at the expense of our role

Acts 18

5. Freed to suffer for the gospel

D. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND YOU

RESPONSE

Something I've been reminded of:

Something new I've learned:

Something I need to do or change as a result: