



Big Idea: God is entirely invested in our redemption as His people.

1.) We are _____ by God

- God is completely sovereign over people who _____.
- Scripture makes clear that God is entirely and eternally sovereign over all things, particularly salvation (Isaiah 46:10, Psalm 139:16, Ephesians 1:4-5).
- At the same time, Scripture is equally clear that we make our own choices (Joshua 24:15, Matthew 23:37, John 7:17).
- God's sovereignty over salvation is an astonishingly glorious mystery by which God directs every aspect of lives in which every single person makes his/her own unconstrained choices (Ephesians 1:11-13).
- We can get so wrapped up in what we were never meant to comprehend that we miss the _____ of what is plainly revealed.
 - Saying, "I don't know," is far better than attempting to explain away obvious truths of Scripture.
 - The unfathomable glory of God is demonstrated in the reality that He is able to do immeasurably more than we can imagine.
- Peter begins his letter to the church with the doctrine of election not to confuse us, but to comfort us... not to initiate a conflict, but to impart _____.

God is sovereign over salvation: Neh. 9:6; Job 37:6-13; Isa. 46:10-11; Psalm 22:28, 33:14-15, 104:14, 104:27-29, 135:6-7, 139:16, 104:27-29, 148:7-8; Pro. 16:9, 16:33, 20:24, 21:1; Jer. 1:5, 10:23; Dan. 4:34-35; Mat. 5:45, 6:11, 6:26, 10:29; Acts 17:26-28; 1 Cor. 4:7; Gal. 1:15; Eph. 1:11, Phil. 2:13; Col. 1:17; Phil. 4:19; Heb. 1:3; 2 Pet. 3:7

We make our own choices and are responsible for them: Exo. 35:21-29; Deut. 30:19-20; Josh. 24:15; Ruth 3:12-13; 2 Sam. 6:9-10; 1 Chr. 28:21, 29:5, 29:9; 2 Chr. 29:31; Psalm 51:12, 119:108; Pro. 1:28-31, 19:18; Isa. 1:18-20; 56:4-5; Ezek. 3:7; Hosea 8:3-4; Mat. 11:12-15, 23:37; John 7:17; Acts 15:22, 19:2, 20:3, 20:16, 27:1, 27:12, 27:39; 2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Tim. 2:4-6; Titus 3:12; 1 Peter 5:2; 2 Peter 3:9

2.) We are _____ by God

- All three Persons of the one eternal Godhead—Father, Son, & Spirit—are actively and immediately involved in redeeming us into all that God desires for us to be.
- God the Father
 - Through His sovereign choice to save us, God the Father is fully invested in our redemption, and by His choice, we know that we are cherished by Him (Colossians 3:12, 1 John 4:19).
 - We have the profound privilege to know and love God because, by His divine love, He chose to reach into the world and lift us out of the sinner's pit.
- God the Holy Spirit
 - The first sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the redemption of the church is to lead sinners to the place of repentant faith in Christ (John 6:44, Rev. 2:21, Matthew 23:37, Titus 2:11-12).
 - There is a general work of God's _____ in the world by which the Holy Spirit stands ready to give the gift of faith to anyone anywhere at any time.
 - Everyone who comes to faith in Christ does so by receiving the unmerited gift of faith that God freely offers to all.
 - By faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit dwells within us who believe, and the Spirit in us is working in us to renew in us the image of God.
- God the Son
 - _____ to Christ through submission to His Word is necessary evidence that we truly love Him and live for Him (John 14:15).
 - Obedience to God's Word will increasingly become a passionate pursuit of the redeemed in Christ (Exodus 24:7-8).
 - The imagery of sprinkled blood identifies the church as people who are covered by and sealed within the New Covenant of the Gospel (Leviticus 17:11).
 - The imagery of sprinkling with Christ's blood is also a sign that we have inherited new life—the life of Christ Himself—by grace through faith.

Summary

- We are chosen by God and cherished by Him
- The profound privilege we have been given to belong to God by faith is lavish grace from Him that gives us _____ that passes all understanding.