

Significance of Sovereignty

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Three implications of God's Sovereignty:

I. God's sovereign _____ is unmatched.

- A. God's love _____ the Apostle Paul.
 - a) **Romans 9:1-4a (NIV84)** I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit--² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ^{4a} the people of Israel.

- A. God's love _____ the nation of Israel.
 - a) **Romans 9:4b-5 (NIV84)** Theirs is the **adoption as sons**; theirs the divine **glory**, the **covenants**, the receiving of the **law**, the **temple** worship and the **promises**.⁵ Theirs are the **patriarchs**, and from them is traced the human ancestry of **Christ**, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

- C. God's love _____ us Jesus the Messiah.
 - a) **Romans 9:5 (NIV84)** Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of **Christ**, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Q: Has God's sovereign love _____ you?

II. God's sovereign _____ are unbiased.

- A. God's Word _____ fails.
 - b) **Romans 9:6 (NIV84)** **It is not as though God's word had failed.** For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.
 - c) **Romans 3:4; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Corinthians 1:20**

- B. God's promises _____ to faith not pedigree.
 - a) **Romans 9:6b-9 (NIV84)** For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."⁸ In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

Q: Are you a child of promise / _____?

III. God's sovereign _____ is undeserved.

- A. God's _____ is an unmerited gift.
 - a) **Romans 9:10-12 (NIV84)** Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad--in order that God's **purpose in election** might stand:¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

- B. Election/Predestination vs Free will – Bible teaches _____!
 - a) **Romans 9:13 (NIV84)** Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Q: Have you been saved by _____?

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn from this message? Share one point that stood out to you.
2. How has God's love made a difference in your life?
3. Discuss how hard it would be to give up your salvation for someone else.
4. Talk about a promise from God's Word that you have claimed for your life? Why did you pick this verse?
5. Predestination vs. Free will. Which is it? Discuss within your group and see if you can figure it out in the next 5 minutes! ;-)