

What is Redemption? Lesson 2 – Election – Part 1

Introduction:

- Common grace is the grace God gives to all people, and is not part of salvation.
- Saving grace is the grace God gives to _____ for their salvation.
- In the Scriptures, this special manifestation of God’s grace is called _____.
- Election is the decision that God made _____ the creation of the world to _____ those who He would save.
- This truth is rooted in the fact that God is _____ over all things.

1. God is sovereign over _____.

A. God’s sovereignty gives Him the _____ and _____ to do whatever he wants with whatever He’s made.

- Nothing in creation can _____ God from doing His will.

Psa 115.3 *Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.*

Prov 21.1 *The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;
he turns it wherever he will.*

Dan 4.35 *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, “What have you done?”*

Rom 9.20 *But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”*

B. God’s sovereign power is what _____ creation to exist.

Rom 11.36 *For from him and through him and to him are **all things**. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Acts 17.28 *for “In him we live and move and **have our being**”;*

Heb 1.3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

Neh 9.6 *“You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.*

C. God is sovereignly _____ all of creation according to His own purposes.

Eph 1.11 *In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him **who works all things according to the counsel of his will***

- God is in _____ of everything in the universe!
- No event ever happens outside of God’s sovereign _____.

EXAMPLES FROM SCRIPTURE:

- God controls “natural” events.

Job 37.6 *For to the **snow he says**, ‘Fall on the earth,’ likewise to the **downpour [rain], his mighty downpour.***

Job 37.10-13 *By the breath of God ice is given,
and the broad waters are frozen fast.
11 **He loads the thick cloud** with moisture;
the clouds scatter **his lightning**.
12 They turn around and around **by his guidance,**
to accomplish all that he commands them
on the face of the habitable world.
13 Whether for correction or for his land
or for love, **he causes it to happen.***

Psa 104.14 *You cause the grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the earth*

Matt 5.45 *For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

- God controls the animals.

Psa 104.27–29 *These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.*

- 28 **When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- 29 **When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

Matt 6.26 *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet **your heavenly Father feeds them.** Are you not of more value than they?*

Matt 10.29 *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? **And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.***

- **God controls events that seem “random” or “chance”.**

Prov 16.33 *The lot is cast into the lap,
but its **every decision is from the LORD.***

- **God controls the affairs of nations.**

Job 12.23 *He makes nations great, and he destroys them;
he enlarges nations, and leads them away.*

Acts 17.26 *And **he made from one man every nation** of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted **periods** and the **boundaries** of their dwelling place,*

- **God controls every aspect of our lives.**

- **God plans our _____ before we are born.**

Psa 139.16 *Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
**the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.***

- **How long we will _____ has been determined by God.**

Job 14.5 *Since his **days are determined,**
and the number of his months is with you,
and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass,*

- **God even determines to _____ us to Himself before we are born.**

Gal 1.15 *But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,*

- Our _____ are under God's sovereign care and direction.

Acts 17.28 *for "In him we live and **move** and have our being";*

Jer 10.23 *I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.*

Prov 20.24 *A man's steps are from the LORD; how then can man understand his way?*

Prov 16.9 *The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

- God influences our _____ and _____.

Phil 2.13 *for it is God who works in you, **both to will** and to work for his good pleasure.*

- God's sovereign work includes _____ aspect of our lives!!

2. God is sovereign over _____.

A. Because God is sovereign, He has the right to create what He pleases, and to _____ whom He pleases.

Rom 9.14–15 *What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."*

B. God did not have to save _____ people at all!

- God could have left us all to our condemnation just like He did the _____ that sinned.

2 Pet 2.4 *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;*

- God would be perfectly righteous to send all of us to Hell forever without any _____ for our salvation.
- We all _____ eternal condemnation!

C. God's mercy in salvation is not a _____ to which man is entitled.

Gen 32.10 *I am **not worthy** of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant,*

- Sinners don't have the right to _____ that God save them!
- Sinners don't have the right to _____ God for not saving everyone!
- Sinners should be glad and _____ that God has mercy on any one!

D. God does not have to save anyone, but in His mercy He decided to save **SOME**.

- God could have chosen to save no one.
- God could have chosen to save everyone.
- God actually chose to save _____.
- The question is not: Why does God only save some of us?
- The question is: Why does God save _____ of us?
- We should be deeply _____ that God would have mercy on even one sinner!
- It is _____ for us to think that God is unjust or unfair because He does not have mercy on everyone.

Rom 9.18–21 *So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" 20 **But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?** Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?*

- Doesn't God have the right and _____ to do with us what He pleases?
- Who are we to tell God what He can and cannot do with the people He has made?
- Who are we to say that God can't decide who He will and will not save?
- Who are we to _____ Him?
- We must realize that God's mercy in saving some is the most precious act of _____ in the universe!