

# **The Doctrines of Grace #16**

Study Handout – Grace Bible Chapel

## **The Sovereignty of God**

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### **Introduction:**

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**Definition:** According to the Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, “The term sovereignty expresses the biblical teaching of the absolute, irresistible, infinite, and unconditional exercise of God’s will over every area of His creation. God is the disposer of all events throughout both time and eternity, as well as the Creator and Sustainer of all that exists.”

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### **The fact of His sovereignty:**

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### **Implications of His sovereignty:**

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### **Our attitude regarding His sovereignty:**

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There are so many people who are so sweet and sincere in their religion and use the same language that Christians do but are either part of an apostate church or a Christian cult or hold to some form of heretical doctrine. How should we think about these people who claim to believe in the same Christ we do but are part of a group that rejects Biblical truth? And how are we to respond to the huge ecumenical push that is trying to smooth over doctrinal differences in the name of love?

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If one of the children struggles with assurance, how do you counsel them without telling them: I know you are saved?

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I sometimes avoid talking about hell especially in the evening because I want them (the children) to be able to rest well. Is that wrong?

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Is it wrong to ask children to pray out loud at the dinner table if they haven't made a profession of faith?

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Are there any specific areas of weakness that you have seen in younger believers in this age, and what is your advice in combating them?

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Do you have any advice on cultivating an ability to think deeply on the things of God (the way Jonathan Edwards and men like him did) in a generation that is so silly and frivolous?

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How should we respond to profanity and blasphemy and inappropriate jokes in the workplace? Is it enough to refuse to join in that kind of speech? Or are we called to confront?

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