

Chapter 8: God's Sovereignty and the Spread of the Gospel

The Definition of God's Sovereignty:

"The supremacy of God in which He reigns over the entire universe, exercising His absolute and unqualified power and authority to do whatever He is pleased to do in and through His creation" (Matt Waymeyer).

The Question of God's Sovereignty and Missions:

"Does believing in God's sovereignty deaden evangelistic zeal and missionary motivation?"¹

- 1. Believing that God is sovereign in salvation makes evangelism and missions unnecessary—if the elect will all be saved, then we don't need to worry about telling them or sending missionaries to them.*
- 2. Believing that God is sovereign in salvation makes evangelism and missions illegitimate and unethical—how can you tell a group of people that God will save them when it is possible that they are nonelect?*

1. God's Sovereignty is Used in Scripture to Encourage Missions (Acts 18:1-11)

2. God's Sovereignty makes the Great Commission an Obligation

¹ David M. Doran, *For the Sake of His Name.*, p. 141.

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3. God's Sovereignty makes believers accountable for how we represent him in the world

4. God's Sovereignty transforms believers to desire to be involved in evangelism and missions

5. God's Sovereignty works through the means of Gospel Preaching to save (Rom. 10:13-17)

6. God's Sovereignty provides confidence in missions
 - Confidence that God can cause all things to work for good.
 - Confidence that God will open doors for the word
 - Confidence that God controls the harvest
 - Confidence that God gives repentance and faith
 - Confidence that God will call out a people from the nations