

Sovereign Grace Basics

- I. A basic overview of Sovereign Grace should be instructional for those who are new to it and enjoyable for those who have believed it for years.
- II. *Sovereign Grace* is a term that means that God shows unmerited favor by saving some people from the damnation which their sin deserves according to His own will.
 1. The very definition of *Grace* shows that God saves people according to His will and purpose, and their will or actions play no part in it.
 2. Grace - *n.* II. Favour. 6. a. Favour, favourable or benignant regard or its manifestation (now only on the part of a superior); favour or goodwill, in contradistinction to right or obligation, as the ground of a concession.
 3. By definition, grace is not a right, it is not deserved, nor can it be earned.
 - A. **Rom 11:5** - Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
 - B. **Rom 11:6** - And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
 - C. *Conditional grace* is not grace; it is an oxymoron.
 4. The only thing that sinners have earned and deserve is *death*.
 5. **Rom 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- III. The reason why God's grace must be given sovereignly (according to God's choice) to sinners is because they could not meet any condition to be saved, such as faith or good works, because they are born spiritually dead and incapable to doing anything good or pleasing to God.
 1. **Rom 5:12** - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 2. **Eph 2:1** - And you hath he quickened, who were *dead* in trespasses and sins;
 3. **Rom 3:10** - As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
 4. **Rom 3:11** - There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
 5. **Rom 3:12** - They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
 6. **1Co 1:18** - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
 7. **Rom 8:7** - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
 8. **Rom 8:8** - So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- IV. With the entire human race born in a state of spiritual death, if any of them were to be saved, it could only be by God choosing to save them, which He did for some of them, but not all.

1. **Eph 1:4** - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
2. **Eph 1:5** - Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
3. **Eph 1:6** - To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
4. **Eph 1:7** - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
5. **Rom 9:10** - And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;
6. **Rom 9:11** - (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)
7. **Rom 9:12** - It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
8. **Rom 9:13** - As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
9. **Rom 9:14** - What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
10. **Rom 9:15** - For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
11. **Rom 9:16** - So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

V. Though all of humanity deserved judgment, condemnation, and death from God because of their sin, God mercifully saved some of them by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for them when they were yet his enemies.

1. **Rom 5:6** - For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
2. **Rom 5:7** - For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
3. **Rom 5:8** - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
4. **Rom 5:9** - Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
5. **Rom 5:10** - For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
6. **Eph 2:1** - And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
7. **Eph 2:2** - Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
8. **Eph 2:3** - Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
9. **Eph 2:4** - But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
10. **Eph 2:5** - Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

11. **Tit 3:3** - For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.
12. **Tit 3:4** - But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
13. **Tit 3:5** - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
14. **Tit 3:6** - Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
15. **Tit 3:7** - That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

VI. No person has any right to question or contradict God for showing mercy to some and not others because none of them deserve it.

1. **Rom 9:18** - Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.
2. **Rom 9:19** - Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?
3. **Rom 9:20** - Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?
4. **Rom 9:21** - Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
5. **Rom 9:22** - What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
6. **Rom 9:23** - And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
7. **Rom 9:24** - Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?