

Bethel Baptist Church

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Sunday:	Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
	Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Thursday:	Bible Study	7:30 P.M.

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A Lighthouse In a Dark Place

To the one God of heaven and earth, in the trinity of his sacred Persons, be all honor and glory; to the glorious Father as the covenant God, to the gracious Son, the Redeemer of his people; to the Holy Ghost, the author of sanctification; be everlasting praise for that gospel of the free grace of God.

THE WORD OF GOD

"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee...then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord AND FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD" (Prov. 2:1, 5). Search the word; study the word; weigh the words of all preachers BY THE WORD OF GOD. We must make a difference between God's word and the words of men. "Man's words are a sound which flies into the air and soon vanishes." But the word of God is eternal; it is greater than heaven and earth; it is greater than life or death; for it is the power and wisdom of God! It is "with the word of truth" that He BEGETS us. It is "through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth that God has CHOSEN us to salvation" (II Thess. 2:13). It is "by hearing the word" that FAITH comes. "COMFORT one another with these words," saith the Lord. If there is any one thing that would please God's true preachers, it is that our hearers would "receive the word of God with all readiness of mind and SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Honor the words of God and honor the Lord's Spirit, who gave them, by trusting Him to give you light and understanding. We preach and teach, but only our Lord can enlighten the hearts of men.

Henry Mahan

Where Does All Our Help Really Come From?

Psalm 121:1-2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." If this be so, all is well.

Pastor



Man's will has never determined one single event in the world's history and never will. God's will alone determines events and brings them to pass. It is true that men do act according to their choice, will, intellect and reason, but this is not the whole truth. The whole truth is that every event, circumstance, opportunity, happening and thought, whether good or bad, that influences and motivates man's choice is foreordained of God. Sovereignty is the prerogative of God alone. Man is God's creature. There is no such thing as an independent creature. There is no such thing as a free creature. All created things are totally dependent upon and absolutely subject to their Creator's will. If God is the Creator of this universe, He is sovereign over it; and if He is not sovereign over the universe, He is not its Creator.

This truth is self-evident to all honest minds. To deny God as sovereign is to deny Him as Father. To deny Him as Father is to deny Him as Saviour. The denial of God's sovereignty is in essence and fact the complete denial of God. To deny God is to proclaim the utterly unbelievable and absolutely impossible absurdity that man made himself; and that he came from nowhere and goes nowhere; that he lives and dies without purpose or reason; and, that his thoughts and actions have no meaning whatsoever. To deny God is to proclaim the theory that the universe is without cause, reason, purpose, meaning, destiny or hope.

The sovereignty of God is absolute. To acknowledge this truth is at once to acknowledge that God has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass; that nothing else can come to pass; that predestination is a fact; that God does rule in the kingdoms of men; that all human ties, bonds and relationships are divinely appointed and formed; that salvation rests solely, fully and only in God's election; that salvation is by God's grace and His grace alone; and, that no part of man's salvation is of himself either in origin or execution. Where men get the idea that man's will is the all-determining factor or moving cause of his salvation is hard to see. Certainly they do not get it from the Bible.

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:11-13)

"Any sermon that does not have Christ in the beginning, the middle, and the end is a mistake in conception and a crime in execution."



Scott Richardson Sometimes the Lord brings trials into the lives of believers to make them appreciate what they have. Sometimes He brings trials in the life of believers so that they might experience the power of a promise or privilege. How precious and meaningful is *Psalms 122:1* "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Pastor

Election

No one will ever love the doctrine of election until they love the God of election first.

Pastor

The reason men pervert the doctrines of grace is because they arrived at the doctrine before arriving at repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The work of grace must precede the doctrines of grace if they are to be loved, understood and received properly.

Pastor

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. Ps. 47:1 The problem we, as believers, have is that by nature we're prone to look at the problem and despair rather than look at the solution to the problem and find comfort, rest and hope. When the children of Israel were being bitten by the fiery serpents, they weren't told to look at the snakes, but were instructed of God, through Moses, to look to the serpent of brass that was raised up...a beautiful picture and type of our Lord Jesus who was made sin for us, the Substitute and Savior of His people, and live.

Pastor, Marvin Stalnaker