



Our Sovereign Lord and Savior

(The “Old” Doctrine of “Amazing” Grace)

1 Peter 1:1-9

“The sovereignty of God is the fact that he is the Lord over creation; as sovereign, he exercises his rule. This rule is exercised through God’s authority as king, his control over all things, and his presence with his covenantal people and throughout his creation. The divine name, Yahweh, expresses this sovereign rule over against the claims of human kings, such as Pharaoh (Exod. 3:14). Because God is tri-personal, however, his sovereign control is not impersonal or mechanical, but is the loving and gracious oversight of the king of creation and redemption.”

John Frame

*“I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found of Thee.*

Jean Ingelow

“I have my own private opinion that there is no such thing as preaching Christ and Him crucified, unless we preach what is nowadays called Calvinism. It is a nickname to call it Calvinism; Calvinism is the gospel, and nothing else. I do not believe we can preach the gospel...unless we preach the sovereignty of God in His dispensation of grace; nor unless we exalt the electing, unchangeable, eternal, immutable, conquering love of Jehovah...”

Charles H. Spurgeon

“Grace is the gospel. The extent to which we are unclear about who does what in salvation is the degree to which we will obscure the gospel.”

M.S. Horton

I. Our Sovereign Lord and Savior

- A. Definition: *“Unlimited Power”* **Isaiah 46:5, 9-10**
- B. Description:
 - 1. The *“Elect”* (Chosen) **(vs. 1)** **Deut. 7:7-9, 1 Cor. 1:26-31**
 - 2. According to the *“Foreknowledge”* of God the *Father* **(vs. 2a)** **Gen. 4:1, Amos 3:2**
 - 3. For *“Sanctification by the Spirit”* **(vs. 2b)**
 - 4. For *“Obedience to Jesus,” the Son* **(vs. 2c)**
 - 5. For *“Sprinkling with His Blood”* **(vs. 2c)** **Ex. 24:4-8, Heb. 10:22**
- C. Doxology: *“Praise”* for His *“Great Mercy”* (Term and Theme of OT: *Hesed*, NT: *Eleos*)

II. Our Living Hope

- A. Not a *“Dead” Hope* (**We** were dead **(Eph. 2)**, Our Hope (Jesus) is **Alive** and **Powerful**)
- B. Not a *“Perishable” Hope* (*Incorruptible: Never Perish, Spoil or Fade!*) **1 Cor. 15:52**
- C. Not a *“New” Teaching* (*The “Old” Doctrine*)
- D. But, a *“New Birth”* **(vs. 3)** (*“Born Again”*) **John 3:1-10**

III. Our Fitting Response

- A. A Posture of *“Praise”* **(vs. 3)**
- B. A Determined and Faithful Spirit to *“Greatly Rejoice”* **(vs. 6)** **2 Cor. 4:17**
- C. Resulting in Doxology: *“Praise, Glory, Honor, Love, Belief”* **(vs. 8-9)**

Psalms 116:12-14 *What Fit Return, Lord, Can I Make for All Thy Gifts to Me?*

1 Peter 1:1-9

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia
and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his
blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into
an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready
to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you
may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven
genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by
fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have
not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and
are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your
faith, the salvation of your souls.

Isaiah 46:5, 9b-10

5 "With whom will you compare me or count me equal?
To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.
I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Genesis 4:1

Adam **knew** Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain

Amos 3:2

Only you have I **known** of all the families of the earth....

Deuteronomy 7:7-9

7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous
than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But it was because the Lord loved
you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand
and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know
therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to
a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Exodus 24:4-8

Moses got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up
twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men,
and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord.
6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the
altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We
will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

8 Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the
covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings,
having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies
washed with pure water.