

## WHAT IS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD?

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I believe one of the most destructive doctrines in the Church today is how the "**Sovereignty of God**" is taught. It is one of the greatest deceptions the devil has birthed in the Church. It literally makes our efforts and actions irrelevant.

The word "**sovereign**" is not used in the King James Version of the Bible. It is used 303 times in the Old Testament of the New International Version, but it is always used in association with the word "LORD" and is the equivalent of the King James Version's "Lord God." Not a single one of those times is the word "**sovereign**" used in the manner that it has come to be used in religion in our day and time.

Religion has resulted in the invention of a new meaning for the word "**sovereign,**" which basically means: "God controls everything". Nothing can happen but what He wills or allows. However, there is nothing in the actual definition that states that. The dictionary defines "**sovereign**" as:

1. Paramount; supreme.
2. Having supreme rank or power.
3. Independent: a sovereign state.
4. Excellent.

None of these definitions means that God controls everything. *{the last two paragraphs are from an article written by Andrew Womack, titled "The Sovereignty of God."}*

Where does our doctrine of the "**Sovereignty of God**" originate?

One of the most influential of the early Church fathers, Augustine, was very instrumental in the development and propagation of many of the church doctrines we hold so tightly to today including, "**The Sovereignty of God.**"

He theorized and developed a theological teaching that there is no such thing as evil. He said, "it wasn't evil; it was just how you perceive it to be." "If you really knew the intent of God, everything that looks like it is bad in

your life, is not bad." "God allows this to happen;" "He doesn't cause it, but He allows it to happen for the good in your life."

These concepts have been taught to literally hundreds of thousands of pastors, teachers, and layman alike. Through these students, the error has multiplied, literally paralyzing millions within the Church.

"Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

The great error in Augustine's theology, is with everyone believing that it is part of God's will for us to experience sickness, disease, and poverty. It kills the believer's faith and makes the body of believer's powerless against these things. If Augustine's theology is correct, and it is God's will for you to have sickness, disease, and poverty, then for you to pray against these things would be useless since you would be praying against God's will for your life or your loved ones.

Augustine's teaching infers that God is using some tragedy or disease to teach you some deep spiritual truth and all suffering is for some greater good.

It is true that we can learn from tragedies and hardships, but God has not orchestrated the tragedies or hardships in our lives to teach us.

Yes, it is true that God continually teaches us but His way of teaching is not to destroy our lives: "He has come that we may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn. 10:10b). God gave to you and I His Word, the Holy Spirit, and the Anointing that lives in us as our teachers.

If you deny that evil exists, you are denying that Satan and the hordes of demons under his control exist. By accepting Augustine's theology you are ACCEPTING ANYTHING the devil decides to put upon you as if it were from God. Can't you see the danger in that? Do you realize that many of the doctrines the majority of the modern Church holds to and teaches today are doctrines written by men who CANNOT AND NEVER HAVE WALKED IN THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST? These men, because of their powerlessness, have developed doctrines and traditions to justify their IMPOTENCE. The Church needs to throw off every doctrine and tradition that Jesus Christ has not given to us. If it is not in the New Covenant, then, "IT IS NOT!"