



Sovereignty: God rules

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose
Romans 8:28

1. God is the Sovereign Lord

From Genesis to revelation - King of Kings, Lord of Lords

2. Jesus is God's appointed King

3. One false view: "Absolute" sovereignty

The truth: God's sovereignty is constrained by his character

The sovereign God is:

Holy, righteous, faithful, loving, powerful, creator

Our sovereign God is our loving Father in heaven

4. God's sovereignty and our freedom

We are NOT puppets

God's sovereignty does not destroy our free choices

God achieves his purposes through our choices - even our sin

God achieves the salvation of his people

and the redemption of creation through the murder of Jesus

5. One common objection: the problem of evil:

How can a loving, all powerful God allow suffering?

God has dealt, is dealing and will deal with suffering

Jesus' death and resurrection is God's "solution"

God says - be part of the solution, not the problem

Take home: Romans 8

verses 18-27

verses 28-36

verses 37-39