

Sermon Notes

Afterthoughts on the Doctrines of Grace

“Absolutely Sovereign”

I. Introduction

A. Inconsistency in Christian’s understanding about the Sovereignty of God.

1. Examples.

B. Defining the Sovereignty of God.

1. A. A. Hodge.

2. Henry the Eighth

C. The Scriptures on God’s Sovereignty.

1. Isaiah 45:7; Phil 2:13; Acts 2:23; I Peter 3:17;

Acts 18:21; Proverbs 21:1; II Samuel 24:1; I Chronicles 21:1; Judges 9:23; Genesis 45:5 and 50:20; Matthew 10:29

2. Testimony of the 24 Elders

a. Revelation 4:10-11

D. God’s sovereignty and the subject of mercy.

1. Election

2. Reprobation

II. Main Text – Romans 9:1-33

A. Romans 9:1-5

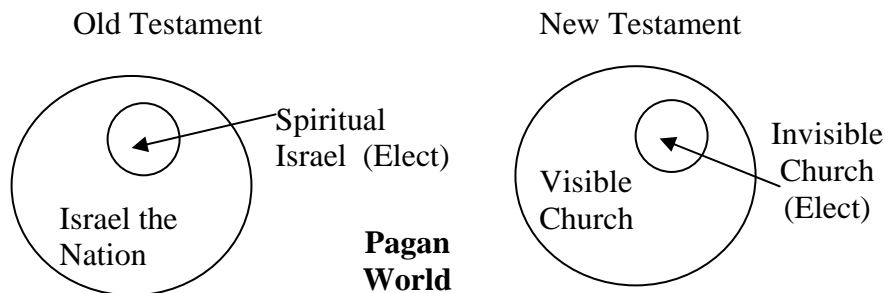
1. Key Points

B. Romans 9:6

1. Boice

2. Buddy the dog, illustration.

3. Visible and Invisible church.

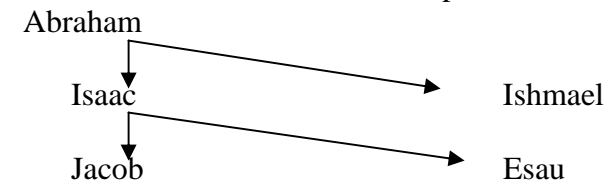


C. Romans 9:7-13

1. Election proved beyond natural birth.

a. Election

Reprobation



D. Romans 9:14-18

1. Note verse 14. Paul anticipates your question over God’s justice.

E. Romans 9:19

1. Once again, Paul anticipates the reader’s puzzlement and perhaps indignant feelings.

F. Romans 9:20-22

1. Review verses 14, 19.

2. The foreknowledge position cannot be correct based upon Paul’s anticipation of the reader’s questions.

3. On the potter – Isa. 29:16; 45:9a; 64:8

G. Romans 9:23-33

1. Faith is a gift – Ephesians 2:8

2. The heathen king had it right – Daniel 4:34-35.

III. Reflections

A. In view of God’s grace to me, sinner that I am, what should I do?

1. I Timothy 1:15-16

B. Issac Watts