

"Subdued By Sovereign Love!"

By Charles Spurgeon

"All whom the Father gives Me, shall come to Me." John 6:37

Christ's declaration involves the doctrine of election--there are some whom the Father gave to Christ.

Christ's declaration involves the doctrine of effectual calling--these who are given, must and shall come. However stoutly they may set themselves against it, yet they shall be brought out of the darkness of sin, into God's marvelous light.

Christ's declaration teaches us the indispensable necessity of faith--for even those who are given to Christ are not saved unless they come to Jesus. Even they must come, for there is no other way to Heaven but by the door, Christ Jesus. All whom the Father gives to our Redeemer, must come to Him. Therefore none can come to Heaven, unless they first come to Christ.

Oh! the power and majesty which rest in the words "shall come." He does not say that they have power to come, nor they may come if they wish--but they "shall come."

The Lord Jesus does by His messengers, His Word, and His Spirit--sweetly and graciously compel men to come in, that they may eat of His marriage supper. And this He does, not by any violation of the free agency of man, but by the power of His grace. Jehovah Jesus knows how, by irresistible arguments addressed to the understanding, by mighty reasons appealing to the affections, and by the mysterious influence of His Holy Spirit operating upon all the powers and passions of the soul--so to subdue the whole man, that whereas he was once rebellious, he now yields cheerfully to His government, subdued by sovereign love!

But how shall those whom God has chosen be known? By this result, that they do willingly and joyfully receive Christ, and come to Him with simple and sincere faith, resting upon Him as all their salvation and all their desire.

Reader, have you thus come to Jesus?

**IF GOD IS NOT SOVEREIGN,
GOD IS NOT GOD.**

— R . C . S P R O U L

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****Our Prayer List****

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims.

****Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works****

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

“A Message from Pastor Johnson”

*“Feed the flock of God which is among you,
taking the oversight thereof...”*

1st Peter 5:2

We must worship God as He is, a Spirit.

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

We must worship God as He truly is, as a Spirit, He is not a man nor is He anything like a man. God has no body because He is a Spirit. God as a Spirit is defined as - a current of air, that is, breath (blast) or a breeze – Per Strongs. God has not body nor can He have because God is Omnipresent which means He is always everywhere. God said of Himself in Acts 17:24 - 26 *“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; (25) Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; (26) And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;”* Therefore, it must be concluded that God has no body, no hand, no brain, no heart, no hand, not body part at all, He is a Spirit. The bible speaks of body parts but only to make God’s actions understandable to us. For example, Jesus said, John 10:28 - 29 *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.”* For us to be safely in the hand of Jesus is the same as being in the Hand of God. Jesus is expressing our security as the children of God being figurative in the hand of Him and the Father. Jesus has a body, and He has a hand because He is also the Son of man. We are as safe as though we are tightly in God’s hand, and spiritually speaking we are in God’s hand because He is Omnipresent. Since God is a Spirit, He cannot ever be absent from us. He has promised that no matter what, He will never leave us, He is forever with us. God does not dwell in temples made with hands, but He is in the temples that are His and those temples today are called churches and the bodies of every believer. For us to rightly worship God, we must first know Him, know who He is, and know what He is, otherwise how can a person worship Him if we do not know and understand Him. God said we must worship Him not only in Spirit but also in Truth. A believer worships God in spirit, when, under the influence of the Holy Spirit because it is spiritually that we worship God.

A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued

But also, God must be worshiped in Truth because God is Truth, and He will only accept worship that is spiritual and in truth. We must know and understand God’s being or else we cannot understand His Sovereignty. Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 1:17 *“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* How is one to worship God in Truth, we worship His true being. To worship God in truth is to worship Him according to His word, as He truly is. God will not accept any other kind of worship because to worship Him any other way is to falsely worship Him. Sometimes Christians ignore God’s word and accept the teachings of worldly religions, this is a big mistake. If God is not worshiped properly according to the scriptures, then your worship is useless. Just because other forms of worship feels good to the flesh doesn’t mean it’s acceptable to God. As Christians and churches, we must be careful and not allow ourselves to get caught up in human feelings or in worldly attractions. Everything we do in the form of worship must be strictly according to God’s word and our worship of God must be in spirit and truth.

“Church Announcements and Upcoming Events”

- None this week

