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## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **God's Sovereignty Part 2 Subject: Introduction Continued Ephesians 1:4 – 14**

People who study the bible must learn and understand about the One who wrote it, and God wrote the entire bible, no matter who wrote the words down. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."* 2 Timothy 3:16 God is nothing like what most people think. A lot of people see God as small and dependent on mankind to accomplish His will, however this could not be farther from the truth. When the scriptures speak of God, they picture Him as All Powerful, they call Him the creator of all things, and the controller of all thing. However, somehow some people seem to debate how God is weak and small, dependent on mankind, but this could not even be possible, how could it be that the Creator of all things depends on His own creation for anything. In Romans chapter 9 God is spoken of as One Who is the Potter molding the lump of clay as He chooses, He never asks the clay what it wants to be, He simply makes the vessels as He chooses. *"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"* Romans 9:21 Well, that is the question, how do you answer the question, does God have the power over the clay to make it as He chooses? Back in verse 20 the Lord said *"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"* We have no right to question God's choice, everything in creation is by the creative hand of God, He did the choosing, mankind has no choice in anything concerning God's ordained will. People speak about mans free will but in reality, we have no free will with God in His will, we are ordained of God to be what He chose for us. Look at Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* Whatever a Christian is in life it is by Gods choice and ordained will, we were *"created in Christ Jesus unto good works"* from His workmanship (creation), because *"God hath before ordained that we should walk in them"*. Please Give that some "free will" some thought and you will see that there is not free will in God's will. People say that "God can't change peoples will" but there is not one single scripture to support such ignorance. If you don't believe me, go ahead and show me the scripture, go ahead and show me. You

cannot find it because there is none, because the whole thought contradicts who God is. The next unbiblical thought is, people have the right to choose their own salvation, no they do not. This is another false line of thinking that is made-up by those who do not know God. Not one single time Does God tell a lost, dead sinner to make a choice, decision, pray a prayer, or to turn against their natural nature and be saved. People have the inability to change who they are by nature, they are by nature enemies against God. “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:7 – 8 God said this about all of mankind, “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10 People are sinners by nature and to change what you are by nature is for a leopard to change its own spots, or an Ethiopian to change the color of their skin, it is not possible. Jeremiah 13:23 “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.” Mankind’s nature will not allow them to change what they are, sinners that drink sin like water. Job 15:16 “How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?” People can read these scriptures and still deny what I am saying about God, but they cannot prove me wrong. They take a few out-of-context scriptures and try, but they cannot. The truth is, if God had left salvation in the sinner’s power to choose Him, we would have all died lost. The truth is we all, live, move, and have our being by His grace and through Jesus Christ. Acts 17:28 “For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.” God is Sovereign, this means He does not depend on anything or anyone, ever. Everything in creation is of God’s choice and in the end will bring glory to God, even evil. “I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.” Isaiah 45:7 and in Proverbs 16:4 it says, “The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.” Next week we will look at some of God’s Sovereign works as we find them in Ephesians chapter one.

**Quotes**

By Robert Murray McCheyne

1. For every look at self — take ten looks at Christ!
2. The greatest need of my people — is my personal holiness. Take heed to yourself. Your own soul is your first and greatest care. Keep up close communion with God. Study likeness to Him in all things.
3. Unfathomable oceans of grace are in Christ for you. Dive and dive again — you will never come to the bottom of these depths!
4. Get your texts from God — your thoughts, your words, from God. In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be success. It is not great talents God blesses — so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is a powerful weapon in the hand of God.
5. A man is what he is on his knees before God — and nothing more.
6. Live near to God — and all things will appear little to you in comparison with eternal realities.
7. Lord make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be!

**O suffering saints of God!**

By J.C. Philpot

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment — works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4:17

O suffering saints of God! Are you tried, tempted, afflicted?

It is your mercy. God does not deal so with everyone. It is because you are His children, that He lays His chastening hand on you.

He means to conform you to the image of His Son in glory — and therefore He now conforms you to the image of His Son in suffering.

All will end well with the people of God. Their life here is a life of temptation, of suffering and trial — but Heaven will make amends for all!