

Sovereign Grace Hated by the Modern Religionist

By Charles H. Spurgeon

If anything is hated bitterly, it is the out and out gospel of the grace of God, especially if that hateful word "sovereignty" is mentioned with it. Dare to say "He will have mercy on whom he will have mercy, and he will have compassion on whom he will have compassion" (Romans 9:15), and furious critics will revile you without stint. The modern religionist not only hates the doctrine of sovereign grace, but he raves and rages at the mention of it. He would sooner hear you blaspheme than preach election by the Father, atonement by the Son, or regeneration by the Spirit. If you want to see a man worked up till the Satanic is clearly uppermost, let some of the new divines hear you preach a free grace sermon. A gospel which is after men will be welcomed by men; but it needs a divine operation upon the heart and mind to make a man willing to receive into his inmost soul this distasteful gospel of the grace of God.

My dear brethren, do not try to make it tasteful to carnal minds. Hide not the offence of the cross, lest you make it of none effect. The angles and corners of the gospel are its strength: to pare them off is to deprive it of power. Toning down is not the increase of strength, but the death of it. Why, even among the sects, you must have noticed that their distinguishing points are the horns of their power; and when these are practically omitted, the sect is effete. Learn, then, that if you take Christ Out of Christianity, Christianity is dead. If you remove grace out of the gospel, the gospel is gone. If the people do not like the doctrine of grace, give them all the more of it. Whenever its enemies rail at a certain kind of gun, a wise military power will provide more of such artillery. A great general, going in before his king, stumbled over his own sword. "I see," said the king, "your sword is in the way." The warrior answered, "Your majesty's enemies have often felt the same." That our gospel offends the King's enemies is no regret to us.

Let the **REDEEMED**
of the Lord say so.
Psalm 107:2

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"Our Prayer List"

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

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"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

"The most dangerous person among Christians are fake Christians."

John 6:68 - 71 "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. (69) And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. (70) Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? (71) He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve."

We must face the fact that all people who claim to be saved are not saved, and yes this includes some church members. When someone comes forward and confesses Jesus Christ as their Saviour, then we as Pastors and churches accept their word. Salvation is in the spirit of a person; their soul has been redeemed and their thinking and actions in life are changed. Peter confessed *"And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."* We all know today that Peter was indeed saved and without question he believe what he said about Jesus Christ. But what about Judas Iscariot the son of Simon, he was close to Jesus, he was in the inner circle of Jesus, the treasurer. Judas Iscariot was not a Christian but rather a lost soul who knew who Jesus Christ was but did not believe in Him as His Saviour. In Jesus prayer to His Father just before His arrest and crucifixion Jesus called Judas *"none of them is lost, but the son of perdition."* *"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled."* John 17:12 Vines defines this soul *"metaphorically of men persistent in evil"* and Vines also relates him to *"a vessel unto fitted unto dishonour."* To say it very clearly, Judas was created by God for one purpose, to betray Jesus our Lord and Christ. The name *"son of perdition"* was only used twice in the New Testament the other was in 2Thess. 2:3 *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"* here it is used of the anti-christ. Judas was a very dangerous man because while he was so close to Jesus, he also betrayed Him. Only Jesus knew this, but as we know Jesus knew and Jesus also know his God elected purpose, Judas was chosen for the purpose that he should betray the Lord. God in speaking of some teachers in some churches said this, *"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."* Jude 1:4

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These men were ordained of God, just as Judas to cause harm to the Lord's churches. We must not be gullible in the Lord's churches because even devils believe, but they are not Christians. Any lost person who has become a member of the Lord's churches is a loose cannon waiting to explode. Always remember what Jesus said about lost people, *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44 This is why we as churches must be careful in whom we allow in as members of the Lord's church, but even at that Satan is sly and he manages to deceive us anyway. Judas was Judas the Devil incarnate as is many today, they are not saved, they are not true Christians, they are not true church members, and their heart is not true to God or His truths. Satan plants them to do his will in causing trouble in the Lord's churches, by division, changing doctrine, or anything else they can do to harm our churches. They are the most dangerous people in the churches, you may not know who they are, they may work years before they strike, but just as Judas they will one day strike. Paul wrote these words to his young preachers, *"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you."* Galatians 2:4 – 5 We are not most certainly to be suspicious of our brother and sister in the churches, but we are to be sober and alert of suspicious members who are working to change things in the church, always alert your Pastor if a brother or sister is out of order and meeting with other members outside of the rules of order. People who cause havoc in the churches, attempting to harm the Pastor. Just be aware because people that are aware are the first to see.

Church Information and Happenings.

1. We are looking forward to our upcoming Bible Conference here in Texarkana on September 13 – 14. Please make plans to join us, details coming soon.
2. Pastor Johnson will be speaking at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Denham Springs, La. at their Bible Conference on May 24 – 26. He will return and be at our church on the 26th for services here.