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# The Gospel of Grace — What Is Sovereign Grace?

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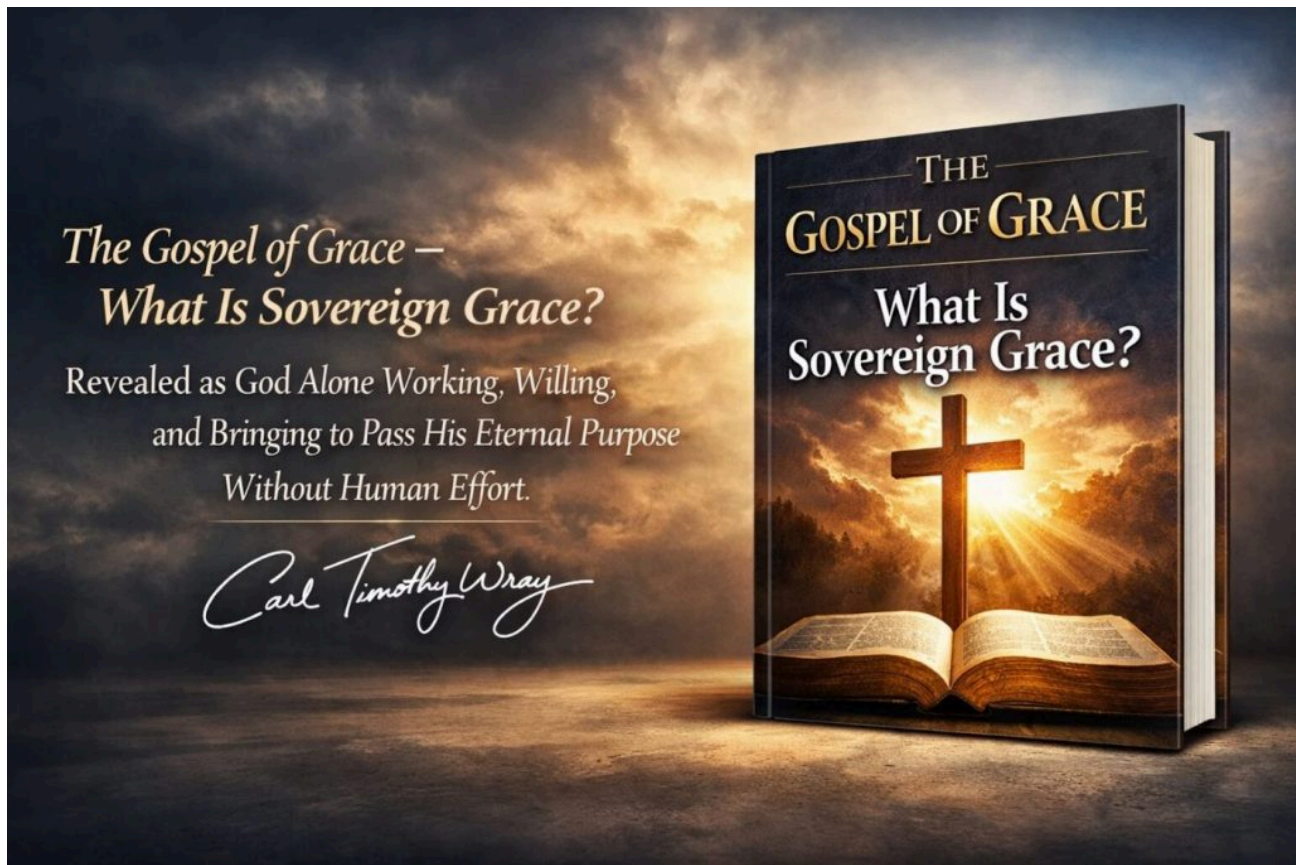
# The Gospel of Grace: By Carl Timothy Wray

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The Gospel of Grace — What Is Sovereign Grace? answers one of the most searched and misunderstood questions in Christianity: what is sovereign grace? This book reveals sovereign grace as the complete work of God—from calling to completion—showing that salvation, transformation, and righteousness are not dependent on human effort, but on God alone working in and through His people. Through powerful scriptures and full counsel teaching, this book dismantles the mixture of grace and works, unveils the sovereignty of God in salvation, and establishes the believer in rest, assurance, and the finished [work of Christ](#).



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## INTRODUCTION — THE HIDDEN BURDEN IN GRACE

Grace is one of the most preached words in the earth today— and yet, for many, it is still one of the least understood.

Men speak of grace.

Churches sing of grace.

Books are written about grace.

And yet, beneath the surface, there remains a quiet burden in the hearts of many:



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“what is my part?”

That question reveals everything.

Because as long as man believes that something still depends on him—  
his effort, his consistency, his response, his ability to maintain—  
then grace has not yet been fully seen.

It has been heard.

It has been spoken.

But it has not been revealed.

Sovereign grace does not mean that God helps man.

Sovereign grace means:

👉 **God Himself is the cause.**

The cause of salvation.

The cause of faith.

The cause of transformation.

The cause of endurance.

The cause of completion.

Not partially.

Not conditionally.

Completely.

This is where the offense begins.

Because sovereign grace removes man from the center of the story.

It declares that:



- God did not merely make salvation possible
- God did not wait for man's cooperation
- God did not begin something He hopes man will finish

It declares that:

☞ **God has purposed, performed, and will complete all things according to His will.**

This is the testimony of Scripture.

From the prophets who declared, *"I will cause you to walk..."*

To the apostles who revealed, *"It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do..."*

To the Lamb who cried, *"It is finished."*

There is one thread running through it all:

**God is the Author.**

**God is the Worker.**

**God is the Finisher.**

And yet, this truth has been resisted.

Not because it is unclear—

but because it leaves no room for human boasting.

No room for self-effort.

No room for religious pride.

No room for control.

Sovereign grace brings man to the end of himself—

so that he may finally see:



☞ **God was always the beginning.**

This book will answer the question:

### **What is sovereign grace?**

Not through opinion.

Not through tradition.

But through the full counsel of God.

You will see:

- the source of grace
- the power of grace
- the operation of grace
- and the finished work of grace

And as you do, something will begin to shift.

The burden will lift.

The striving will fade.

The confusion will clear.

And in its place will come rest.

Not the rest of inactivity—

but the rest of revelation.

The rest of knowing:

👉 **God is working... and He will finish what He began.**



## **Chapter 1 — What Is Sovereign Grace?**

## ✨ The Question That Unlocks Everything

What is sovereign grace?

This is not just a theological question.

This is the dividing line between **rest and striving**, between **revelation and religion**, between **God's work and man's effort**.

Many have heard the word "grace," yet still live under pressure.

Many confess "salvation by grace," yet still feel responsible to maintain what God began.

Why?

Because sovereign grace has not yet been fully seen.

The question is not:

☞ *Does God give grace?*

The question is:

☞ **Who is the cause?**

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## 📖 The Witness of Scripture

Before defining sovereign grace, we must let the Word speak clearly:

- **Ezekiel 36:26–27**

*"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you... And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes..."*



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*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*

- **Romans 9:16**

*“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”*

- **Ephesians 2:8–9**

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

- **Titus 3:5**

*“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...”*

These are not isolated verses.

They are a unified declaration:

☞ **God is the one doing the work.**

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## **Definition — What Sovereign Grace Means**

Sovereign grace means:

☞ **God alone is the source, the power, and the finisher of salvation.**

It is not:

- God starting and man finishing
- God offering and man completing
- God helping and man performing

It is:



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**ating, God performing, and God completing His work in man.**

Sovereign grace removes man as the **cause**.

Not his response.

Not his effort.

Not his consistency.

Only God remains as the source.

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## Revelation — The Cause of All Things

The heart of sovereign grace is this:

👉 **God does not react — God causes.**

When God says:

- *"I will give..."*
- *"I will put..."*
- *"I will cause..."*

He is not expressing desire.

He is declaring **execution**.

Ezekiel did not say:

| "Man will choose to walk..."

He said:



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use you to walk."

That one word—*cause*—destroys every system built on human effort.

Because if God is the cause:

- then faith is caused
- then obedience is caused
- then transformation is caused

👉 **Grace is not assistance — it is divine causation.**

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## 🔪 The Subtle Lie — Mixture

The greatest distortion of grace is not denial.

It is mixture.

It sounds like this:

“God did His part... now you must do yours.”

This seems reasonable.

This feels balanced.

But it is not grace.

Because the moment man becomes a **cause**, grace is reduced to help.

And help still leaves man responsible.

That is why many live:



- striving

- fearing
- wondering if they are doing enough

Because mixture produces pressure.

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## The Truth — God Alone Works

Sovereign grace declares:

- God chose
- God called
- God justified
- God glorified

### Romans 8:30

*“Whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”*

There is no break in the chain.

No dependence on human strength.

No moment where God steps back and says:

| “Now it’s your turn.”

 **It is one continuous work of God.**

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## Declaration — The End of Striving

Sovereign grace brings man to a single realization:

☞ **God is the cause.**

Not partially.

Not occasionally.

Completely.

And when this is seen:

- striving loses its power
- fear loses its voice
- pressure begins to fall

Because the weight shifts from man...

☞ **to God.**

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## Chapter One Summary

Sovereign grace is:

- not God helping man
- not God waiting on man
- not God depending on man

Sovereign grace is:

☞ **God Himself working, willing, and bringing to pass His purpose from**



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# Chapter 2 — The Source of Grace: God Alone

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## Grace Did Not Begin With Man

If grace is ever tied to man, it will always be unstable.

Because man:

- changes
- struggles
- wavers

But grace does not come from man.

☞ **Grace comes from God.**

Before man ever fell...

Before sin ever entered...

Before the world was formed...

Grace was already in the heart of God.

This is the foundation:

☞ **Grace is not a reaction to sin — it is a revelation of God's nature.**

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## Witness of Scripture

Let the Word establish the source:

- **2 Timothy 1:9**

*"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."*

- **James 1:17**

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..."*

- **John 1:12–13**

*"...which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

- **Romans 11:5–6**

*"...there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works..."*

- **Isaiah 46:9–10**

*"...I am God... declaring the end from the beginning... saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."*

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## Definition — The Origin of Grace

The source of sovereign grace is:

☞ **God's own will, purpose, and nature.**

Not:

- human need
- human response
- human decision

Grace does not rise from earth.



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nds from heaven.

It originates in:

- God's heart
  - God's counsel
  - God's eternal purpose
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## **Revelation — Grace Before Time**

This changes everything.

 *"Grace... was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."*

Before:

- Adam stood
- Adam fell
- man sinned

 **Grace was already given.**

That means:

Grace is not God fixing a problem.

 **Grace is God revealing what He already purposed.**

Sin did not create grace.

Failure did not produce grace.

Grace existed because:



 **God is gracious.**

## The Lie — Grace as a Response

Religion subtly teaches:

“Grace came because man failed.”

That sounds right... but it's incomplete.

Because it makes grace:

- reactive
- dependent on man's condition

But Scripture reveals:

☞ Grace was established **before man ever moved.**

Which means:

- God was not surprised
- God was not reacting
- God was not adjusting His plan

☞ **God was unfolding what He already purposed.**

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## The Truth — Grace Flows From God's Nature

Grace flows from who God is.



 **James 1:17**

*"Every good gift... cometh down from the Father..."*

God does not become gracious.

 **God is gracious.**

Grace is not something He turns on.

It is what He is.

So everything He does:

- calling
- saving
- transforming

 flows out of His nature.

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 **The Sovereign Will Behind Grace**

Grace is not random.

It is governed by:

 **God's sovereign will.** **Ephesians 1:11**

*"Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."*

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*"My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."*

Grace is not:

- uncertain
- fragile
- dependent

☞ **Grace is backed by God's unchangeable will.**

What He purposes:

- will stand
  - will unfold
  - will be completed
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## **Not of Man — Entirely of God**

 **John 1:13**

*"...not of the will of man, but of God."*

This is absolute.

Not partially.

Not mostly.

☞ **Not of man at all.**

This removes:

- human boasting
- human credit



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And establishes:

☞ **God alone as the source.**

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## **Declaration — The Source Settles the Outcome**

If grace comes from man:

☞ it can fail.

If grace comes from God:

☞ it cannot fail.

Because the source determines the outcome.

And since the source is:

- eternal
- unchanging
- sovereign

☞ **the result is secure.**

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## **Chapter Two Summary**

The source of sovereign grace is:



- not man's need

- not man's decision
- not man's effort

☞ **It is God Himself.**

Grace was:

- purposed before time
- given in Christ
- flowing from God's nature
- established by His will

And because of that:

☞ **Grace cannot fail.**



## Chapter 3 — The Sovereign Will of God

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### The Question Behind the Question

It is not enough to know that grace comes from God.

The deeper question is:

☞ **Can anything stop what God has willed?**

Because if:

- God desires something... but cannot complete it
- man proposes something... but man can override it



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Then grace becomes uncertain.

And uncertainty produces fear.

But Scripture does not present a weak God.

👉 It reveals a God whose will stands **unchallenged**.

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## The Witness of Scripture

Let the Word speak plainly:

- **Isaiah 14:24**

*"The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand."*

- **Isaiah 46:10**

*"...declaring the end from the beginning... saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."*

- **Daniel 4:35**

*"...he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand..."*

- **Job 42:2**

*"I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee."*

- **Ephesians 1:11**

*"...who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."*

- **Romans 8:28**

*"...all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

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## Definition — The Sovereign Will

The sovereign will of God means:

☞ **God's purpose cannot be stopped, altered, or overruled.**

It is not:

- a suggestion
- a possibility
- a desire waiting on man

It is:

☞ **a decree that will come to pass.**

When God wills something:

- it is established
- it is secured
- it is carried out

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## **Revelation — God Does Not Try**

Man tries.

God does not.

God does not:

- attempt
- experiment



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📖 *"As I have purposed, so shall it stand!"*

That is not effort.

👉 That is certainty.

When God speaks:

- it is not a wish
- it is not a negotiation

👉 **It is the release of a finished intention.**

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## **The Lie — God Wants, But Man Decides**

Religion subtly teaches:

| "God wants to save... but man must choose."

| "God desires... but man has the final say."

That sounds humble.

But it creates a powerless God.

Because it means:

- God's will can fail
- God's purpose can be resisted
- God's plan depends on man



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But Scripture declares the opposite:

📖 *"None can stay his hand..."*

👉 **No one can stop what God is doing.**

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## **The Truth — God Works All Things**

📖 **Ephesians 1:11**

*"Who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."*

Not some things.

👉 **All things.**

That includes:

- calling
- salvation
- transformation
- completion

Nothing falls outside His will.

Nothing escapes His purpose.

👉 **Everything is being worked according to His counsel.**

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## **The Unbreakable Chain**



Romans 8 is so powerful:

 **Romans 8:30**

*"Whom he did predestinate, them he also called... justified... glorified!"*

Notice:

- no interruption
- no condition inserted
- no dependency on man's strength

👉 **It is one continuous flow of God's will.**

From beginning to end.

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## **The End Declared From the Beginning**

 **Isaiah 46:10**

*"Declaring the end from the beginning..."*

God does not wait to see what happens.

👉 **He declares the outcome before the process begins.**

Which means:

- the end is already known
- the outcome is already secured
- the purpose is already established

And time is simply:

👉 the unfolding of what God has already declared.



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# Declaration — Nothing Can Stop God

The sovereign will of God means:

☞ **Nothing can stop what God has purposed.**

Not:

- man's weakness
- man's ignorance
- man's resistance

Because if anything could stop Him:

☞ He would not be sovereign.

But Scripture leaves no room for doubt:

- His counsel stands
  - His pleasure is fulfilled
  - His will is done
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## Chapter Three Summary

The sovereign will of God is:

- unchangeable
- unstoppable
- undefeatable

- waiting on man
- dependent on effort
- subject to failure

☞ **It is God Himself bringing to pass what He has already purposed.**

And because of that:

☞ **Grace is not uncertain.**

☞ **Grace is guaranteed.**

## **Chapter 4 — The Sovereign Call: “I Will Cause”**

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### **The Moment Grace Becomes Real**

There comes a moment when grace is no longer a concept...

☞ it becomes an experience.

A moment when:

- the heart awakens
- the eyes begin to see
- the desire for God appears

And many assume:



"I made a decision."

"I chose this."

"I responded."

But sovereign grace reveals something deeper:

👉 **You responded because God called.**

## The Witness of Scripture

Let the Word define the call:

- **Ezekiel 36:26–27**

*"A new heart also will I give you... And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes..."*

- **John 6:44**

*"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him..."*

- **John 6:37**

*"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me..."*

- **Romans 8:30**

*"...whom he did predestinate, them he also called..."*

- **2 Thessalonians 2:13–14**

*"...God hath from the beginning chosen you... whereunto he called you by our gospel..."*

- **1 Corinthians 1:26–29**

*"...God hath chosen... that no flesh should glory in his presence."*

## Definition — What Is the Sovereign Call?



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in call is:

☞ **God Himself drawing, awakening, and bringing a person into life by His own power.**

It is not:

- a general invitation
- a hopeful offer
- a suggestion waiting on acceptance

It is:

☞ **a call that carries the power to fulfill what it commands.**

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## 🔥 **Revelation — The Call Contains the Power**

When God calls...

☞ the call itself creates the response.

This is the mystery:

God does not say:

| "Come," and then wait to see what man will do.

God says:

| "Come," and His word **creates the coming.**

🗣️ *"All that the Father giveth me shall come..."*



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Not might come.  
Not could come.

☞ **Shall come.**

Why?

Because the call is not empty.

☞ **It carries divine power.**

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## ⚔ **The Lie — The Call Is Just an Invitation**

Religion teaches:

| “God is calling everyone... now it’s up to you.”

That makes the call:

- powerless
- dependent
- uncertain

It places the outcome in man’s hands.

But Scripture reveals:

☞ **The call is effectual.**

It does not merely invite.



☞ **It accomplishes.**

## The Drawing of the Father

 **John 6:44**

*"No man can come... except the Father draw him."*

This is absolute.

Not:

- some men
- strong men
- willing men

 **No man.**

Which means:

- no one begins the journey
- no one initiates the movement
- no one awakens themselves

 **The Father draws.**

And when He draws:

- the heart turns
- the mind opens
- the will aligns



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## ...Will Cause" — The Power of God's Word

 **Ezekiel 36:27**

*"...and cause you to walk..."*

This is one of the most powerful statements in all of Scripture.

God does not say:

| "Try to walk."

He says:

| **"I will cause you to walk."**

That means:

- obedience is caused
- transformation is caused
- desire is caused

👉 **Grace is not man producing for God... it is God producing within man.**

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 **The Order of Salvation** **Romans 8:30**

- predestinated
- called
- justified
- glorified

👉 **Calling comes from God — not man.**

Man does not enter the process.

He is brought into it.

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## 🌟 **Declaration — You Were Called**

Sovereign grace declares:

👉 **You were not called because you responded.**

👉 **You responded because you were called.**

That flips everything.

It removes:

- pride
- pressure
- fear

And replaces it with:

👉 **gratitude and awe.**

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## 🔥 **The Result — A New Heart**



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*"A new heart also will I give you..."*

The sovereign call does not:

- improve the old man
- assist the old nature

☞ It creates something new.

A new heart

A new spirit

A new desire

All by:

☞ **God's power, not man's effort**

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## Chapter Four Summary

The sovereign call is:

- not an invitation
- not a suggestion
- not dependent on man

☞ **It is God calling in power.**

And that call:

- awakens
- draws



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Because:

☞ **God Himself is the cause.**

## **Chapter 5 — Grace vs Works: The Great Divide**

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### **The Line That Cannot Be Crossed**

There is a line in Scripture that cannot be blurred.

A line that cannot be softened.

A line that cannot be negotiated.

☞ **Grace and works cannot mix.**

Not a little.

Not partially.

Not “mostly grace with a little effort.”

Because the moment they mix...

☞ **grace is no longer grace.**

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### **The Witness of Scripture**

Let the Word draw the line clearly:



- **Romans 11:6**

*"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace..."*

- **Ephesians 2:8–9**

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith... not of works..."*

- **Galatians 2:16**

*"...a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ..."*

- **Galatians 2:21**

*"...if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

- **Romans 4:4–5**

*"...to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace... but to him that worketh not, but believeth..."*

- **Titus 3:5**

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done..."*

## Definition — Grace vs Works

Grace is:

☞ **God doing what man cannot do.**

Works are:

☞ **man attempting to produce what only God can produce.**

Grace says:

| "It is done."

Works say:

| "It is not done."



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Grace rests in God.

Works rely on man.

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## Revelation — The Nature of Grace

Grace is not:

- effort assisted
- performance improved
- law made easier

☞ Grace is a **completely different system**.

It operates on:

- God's ability
- God's power
- God's finished work

📖 *"It is the gift of God..."*

A gift is not earned.

A gift is not maintained by effort.

☞ **A gift is received.**

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## Subtle Trap — Religious Mixture

The most dangerous deception is not law alone.

☞ It is **grace mixed with law**.

It sounds like:

- "You're saved by grace... but you must stay faithful."
- "God did His part... now you must do yours."
- "Grace begins it... but obedience keeps it."

This feels balanced.

But it produces:

- pressure
- fear
- striving

Because it puts man back into the equation as a **cause**.

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## ★ The Consequence of Mixing

📖 **Romans 11:6**

*"...otherwise grace is no more grace..."*

This is absolute.

If works enter:

☞ **grace exits.**



Not partially reduced.

Not weakened.

👉 **Removed.**

That means:

- no mixture is harmless
  - no blending is safe
  - no compromise is neutral
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## **The Truth — Grace Stands Alone**

Grace does not share space.

It does not cooperate with works.

👉 **It replaces them.**

 **Romans 4:5**

*"...to him that worketh not..."*

This is shocking to the religious mind.

Not:

- work less
- work better
- work spiritually



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**not.**

Because the moment man stops working as the source...

☞ God begins working fully.

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## **The Flesh Wants Credit**

Why does man resist grace?

Because grace removes:

- personal achievement
- spiritual ranking
- religious identity

 **1 Corinthians 1:29**

*"That no flesh should glory in his presence."*

Grace leaves man with:

☞ **nothing to boast in but God.**

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## **The Cross Settled It**

 **Galatians 2:21**

*"...if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."*

This is severe.



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produce righteousness:

👉 **the cross was unnecessary.**

But the cross declares:

- man could not do it
- man cannot do it
- man will never do it

👉 **Christ did it.**

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## 🔥 **The End of Striving**

Grace brings man to this place:

👉 **I cannot produce this.**

And that is not defeat.

👉 That is freedom.

Because the moment man stops trying to be the source...

👉 God reveals Himself as the source.

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## 🌟 **Declaration — Grace Alone**

Grace declares:



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- not by law

☞ **but by God alone.**

No mixture.

No addition.

No substitution.

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## Chapter Five Summary

Grace and works are:

- two different systems
- two different sources
- two different outcomes

They cannot:

- blend
- merge
- cooperate

☞ **Only one can stand.**

And sovereign grace declares:

☞ **God alone is the worker.**



## Chapter 6 — The Finished Work of

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## ✨ The Cry That Changed Everything

There is one statement that stands above all striving, all effort, all religion:

📖 **John 19:30**

*"It is finished."*

Not:

- "It has begun"
- "It is possible"
- "It is available if you complete it"

👉 **It is finished.**

In that moment, the entire foundation of works collapsed.

Because if something is finished...

👉 nothing can be added.

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## 📖 The Witness of Scripture

Let the Word establish the finality:

- **John 19:30**

*"It is finished."*

- **Hebrews 10:10**

*"...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all"*



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Hebrews 10:14

*"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."*

- **Colossians 2:13–14**

*"...having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances..."*

- **2 Corinthians 5:19**

*"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself..."*

- **Isaiah 53:5–6**

*"...the chastisement of our peace was upon him... and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

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## **Definition — What Is the Finished Work?**

The finished work of Christ means:

☞ **Everything required for salvation, righteousness, and reconciliation has already been accomplished.**

Not partially.

Not progressively through human effort.

☞ **Completely.**

It includes:

- forgiveness
- righteousness
- reconciliation
- redemption

All finished in Christ.



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## **Reconciliation — Nothing Left to Complete**

If the work is finished...

☞ there is nothing left for man to complete.

That means:

- you are not finishing salvation
- you are not completing righteousness
- you are not maintaining what Christ began

Because:

☞ **Christ did not begin a work — He completed it.**

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## The Lie — Ongoing Effort

Religion teaches:

| “Jesus paid for your sins... now you must live right to stay saved.”

| “The cross started it... your obedience finishes it.”

That sounds serious.

But it contradicts the cross.

Because it turns:

- a finished work

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# The Reality — One Offering Forever

## Hebrews 10:14

*"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever..."*

One offering.

Forever.

Not:

- repeated
- maintained
- sustained by human effort

## Perfected.

That means:

- nothing lacking
- nothing missing
- nothing needing addition

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## Reconciliation Is Complete

## 2 Corinthians 5:19

*"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself..."*

Not:



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to reconcile

to enemy reconciliation

## 👉 Reconciling.

Finished.

This shifts everything.

Because now salvation is not:

👉 man reaching God

But:

👉 **God revealing what He has already done.**

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## ⚖️ The Removal of Sin

📖 **Colossians 2:14**

*"...blotting out the handwriting of ordinances..."*

📖 **Isaiah 53:6**

*"...the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all"*

Sin was not:

- postponed
- delayed
- partially handled

👉 **It was dealt with.**

At the cross.

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## The True Experience of Grace

Grace is not:

☞ God helping you achieve something.

Grace is:

☞ **God revealing what has already been accomplished.**

That's why salvation feels like:

- awakening
- seeing
- realizing

Because you are not creating it...

☞ **you are discovering it.**

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## Why Works Must Fall

If the work is finished...

☞ works become unnecessary.

Not helpful.

Not supportive.

☞ **Unnecessary.**



Because you cannot:

- improve perfection
  - add to completion
  - assist what is finished
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## Declaration — It Is Done

The finished work declares:

☞ **It is done.**

Not in progress.

Not waiting on man.

☞ Done.

And because it is done:

- grace stands alone
  - works fall away
  - rest becomes possible
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## Chapter Six Summary

The finished work of Christ is:

- complete
- perfect
- unchangeable

- dependent on man
- waiting for effort
- sustained by performance

☞ **It is the accomplished work of God in Christ.**

And because of that:

☞ **There is nothing left for man to finish.**

## **Chapter 7 — God Working in You: The Inner Operation of Grace**

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### **Grace Is Not Just Legal — It Is Living**

Many understand grace as something God has done *for them*.

But sovereign grace goes deeper:

☞ **God is not only working for you... He is working in you.**

Grace is not only:

- legal (what Christ accomplished)

☞ it is also:

- living (what God is actively doing within)



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...the grace becomes personal.

## The Witness of Scripture

Let the Word reveal the inner work:

- **Philippians 2:13**  
*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*
  - **Hebrews 13:20–21**  
*"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight..."*
  - **Colossians 1:27**  
*"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."*
  - **Galatians 2:20**  
*"...Christ liveth in me..."*
  - **John 15:5**  
*"...without me ye can do nothing."*
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## Definition — The Inner Operation of Grace

The inner operation of grace is:

☞ **God Himself living and working within a person to bring His will to pass.**

It is not:

- self-effort with God's help
- human willpower guided by truth

It is:

☞ **divine life operating inside the believer.**



# Revelation — God Produces the Will

## **Philippians 2:13**

*"...both to will and to do..."*

This is one of the deepest revelations of grace.

God does not only produce the doing...

### **He produces the willing.**

That means:

- the desire for God comes from God
- the hunger for truth comes from God
- the movement toward righteousness comes from God

### **Even your response is His work.**

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## **The Lie — “Try Harder”**

Religion teaches:

“You need to do better.”

“You need to try harder.”

“You need to be more committed.”

But Scripture says:

 *“Without me ye can do nothing.”*



Not:

- a little
- less
- imperfectly

☞ **Nothing.**

Because the life required is not human.

☞ **It is divine.**

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## **The Life of Christ Within**

 **Colossians 1:27**

*"Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

This is not symbolic.

☞ **Christ actually lives within.**

And His life is:

- the source of righteousness
- the source of obedience
- the source of transformation

So the Christian life is not:

☞ you trying to live for Christ

It is:



☞ **Christ living through you**

## The End of Self as Source

 Galatians 2:20

*"...not I, but Christ..."*

This is the death of self-effort.

Not:

- improved self
- disciplined self

 **replaced self**

"Not I..."

That means:

- not my strength
- not my will
- not my ability

 **Christ becomes the source.**

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## Grace in Motion

 Hebrews 13:21

*"...working in you that which is wellpleasing..."*



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waiting for you to produce something pleasing.

## 👉 He is producing it in you.

That includes:

- obedience
- love
- faith
- endurance

All of it flows from:

## 👉 His operation within.

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## 🔥 Why This Brings Rest

When a man believes:

- “I must produce this”

He lives in:

- pressure
- fear
- striving

But when he sees:

## 👉 God is working in me

Everything shifts.



- effort becomes trust

- striving becomes rest
  - fear becomes confidence
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## Declaration — God Is Working in You

Sovereign grace declares:

☞ **God is not waiting on you.**

☞ **God is working in you.**

Not occasionally.

Not partially.

☞ Continually.

Producing:

- the will
  - the desire
  - the action
  - the completion
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## Chapter Seven Summary

The inner operation of grace is:

- not self-effort
- not human strength
- improved behavior



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👉 **It is God Himself living and working within.**

Producing:

- the will
- the doing
- the transformation

And because of that:

👉 **The believer is not the source — God is.**

## **Chapter 8 — Why Sovereign Grace Offends Religion**

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### **The Offense of Grace**

Sovereign grace is not rejected because it is unclear.

It is rejected because:

👉 **it removes man from the center.**

It takes away:

- control
- credit
- comparison



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everything in the hands of God.

That is the offense.

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## The Witness of Scripture

Let the Word reveal the tension:

- **Romans 9:19–21**

*"Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?... Hath not the potter power over the clay..."*

- **1 Corinthians 1:29–31**

*"That no flesh should glory in his presence..."*

- **John 5:44**

*"How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another..."*

- **Galatians 5:4**

*"...whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."*

- **Luke 18:11–14**

*"...God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are..."*

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## Definition — Why It Offends

Sovereign grace offends because:

☞ **it leaves no room for human boasting.**

It removes:

- personal achievement
- spiritual ranking
- religious identity



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And replaces it with:

☞ **God alone.**

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## 🔥 **Revelation — The Flesh Wants a Role**

The flesh does not mind grace...

☞ as long as it gets to participate.

It wants:

- a role
- a contribution
- a reason to say, "I did something"

That's why mixture is so attractive.

Because it allows man to say:

"God did most of it... but I responded."

"God saved me... but I stayed faithful."

☞ That preserves self.

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## 🔪 **The Religious System**

Religion is built on:

- performance



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It asks:

- "How are you doing?"
- "Are you growing enough?"
- "Are you consistent?"

But sovereign grace removes the entire system.

Because if:

👉 **God is the cause**

Then:

- performance loses meaning
  - comparison collapses
  - hierarchy dissolves
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## **The Pharisee and the Publican**

 **Luke 18:11–14**

The Pharisee said:

| "I thank thee, that I am not as other men..."

He measured himself.

He credited himself.



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ligion.

The publican said:

“God be merciful to me a sinner.”

No boasting.

No comparison.

☞ Only dependence on God.

And Jesus said:

☞ **That man went down justified.**

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## **The Potter and the Clay**

 **Romans 9:20–21**

*“Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it...?”*

This is where offense rises.

Because sovereign grace declares:

☞ **God has authority over His creation.**

Not man controlling God.

Not man directing outcomes.

☞ **God forming, shaping, and completing His purpose.**



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# The Fall from Grace

 **Galatians 5:4**

*"...ye are fallen from grace."*

How?

 By returning to works.

Not by sinning.

Not by failing.

 By trying to justify themselves.

This is crucial:

 **The moment man tries to become the source... he leaves grace.**

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## Why It Feels Uncomfortable

Sovereign grace removes:

- control
- predictability
- self-reliance

It forces a man to face this truth:

 **I am not the cause.**

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And the flesh resists that.

Because it wants:

- ownership
- recognition
- influence

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## Declaration — No Flesh Can Glory

 1 Corinthians 1:29

*"That no flesh should glory..."*

This is God's design.

Not:

- less glory
- shared glory

 **no glory for the flesh at all.**

So that:

 **all glory belongs to God.**

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## The Beauty Behind the Offense

What offends the flesh...



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spirit.

Because when man is removed as the source:

- pressure disappears
- fear fades
- striving ends

And what remains is:

☞ **rest in God.**

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## **Chapter Eight Summary**

Sovereign grace offends because:

- it removes human credit
- it destroys religious systems
- it eliminates self as the source

But in doing so:

☞ **it reveals God as everything.**

And that is where true freedom begins.

## **Chapter 9 — The Result of Sovereign Grace: Assurance and Rest**

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**ere Grace Leads**

Sovereign grace does not leave a man in confusion.

It does not leave him striving.

It does not leave him uncertain.

☞ **It brings him into rest.**

Because when God is seen as the source, the will, the worker, and the finisher...

☞ everything changes.

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## **The Witness of Scripture**

Let the Word reveal the result:

- **Romans 8:30–39**

*"...whom he justified, them he also glorified... nothing shall separate us from the love of God..."*

- **Hebrews 4:9–11**

*"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God..."*

- **Jude 1:24**

*"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling..."*

- **1 Peter 1:3–5**

*"...kept by the power of God through faith..."*

- **Isaiah 26:3**

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee..."*

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## **Definition — What Is Assurance?**



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👉 **the settled confidence that God will complete what He has begun.**

It is not:

- confidence in self
- trust in personal consistency
- reliance on human strength

It is:

👉 **confidence in God.**

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## 🔥 **Revelation — Kept by God**

📖 **1 Peter 1:5**

*"...kept by the power of God..."*

Not:

- kept by discipline
- kept by effort
- kept by performance

👉 **kept by God.**

This changes everything.

Because if you are kept by yourself:

👉 you can fall.



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But if you are kept by God:

👉 **you are secure.**

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## 🔪 **The Lie — “What If I Fail?”**

This is the question many carry:

“What if I mess up?”

“What if I don’t endure?”

“What if I fall away?”

Those questions reveal something:

👉 **trust is still in self.**

Because sovereign grace answers:

📖 **Jude 1:24**

*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling...”*

Not you.

👉 **Him.**

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## 🌊 **Nothing Can Separate**

📖 **Romans 8:38–39**

*“...neither death, nor life... nor things present, nor things to come... shall be able to  
separate us from the love of God...”*

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Nothing.

Not:

- failure
- weakness
- time
- circumstance

👉 **Nothing.**

Because the connection is not sustained by man...

👉 **it is sustained by God.**

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## **Entering Rest**

 **Hebrews 4:10**

*"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works..."*

This is the result of sovereign grace:

👉 **rest.**

Not inactivity.

But:

- the end of striving
- the end of pressure
- the end of self-effort



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Because the work is no longer yours.

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## **Peace of Mind**

 **Isaiah 26:3**

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee..."*

Peace comes from:

 **seeing God clearly.**

When the mind is fixed on:

- self → anxiety
- performance → pressure
- effort → fear

But when the mind is fixed on:

 **God as the source**

Peace flows.

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## **The Stability of Grace**

Sovereign grace produces:



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...nce without arrogance

...hout laziness

- peace without fear

Because it is built on:

☞ **God's ability, not man's.**

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## **Declaration — It Is Secure**

Sovereign grace declares:

☞ **You are not holding onto God.**

☞ **God is holding onto you.**

That is the difference.

And that is why:

☞ **it cannot fail.**

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## **The End of the Journey**

What begins with:

☞ "What is sovereign grace?"

Ends with:



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Because the revelation grows:

- God is the source
- God is the will
- God calls
- Christ finished the work
- God works within
- God removes boasting

And finally:

👉 **God secures the outcome.**

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## **Chapter Nine Summary**

The result of sovereign grace is:

- assurance
- peace
- rest

Not because man is strong...

👉 but because God is.

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## **FINAL DECLARATION**

Sovereign grace is not just a doctrine.



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relation that produces rest.

A rest that says:

- God began it
  - God is working it
  - God will finish it
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## **CALL TO ACTION**

If this revelation is opening your eyes...

Don't stop here.

- 👉 Go deeper into the Gospel of Grace.
- 👉 Let this truth settle your heart.
- 👉 Step out of striving and into rest.

Because the truth is:

- 👉 **God is working... and He will finish what He began.**

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