

High School Sunday School – February 28, 2009  
**Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ**  
Lesson 3 – Our Motivation, Part 2:  
Divine Sovereignty & Human Responsibility

**1. Review:**

- i. Two weeks ago we diagnosed whether we are MOTIVATED, AVAILABLE, and EQUIPPED for evangelism.
- ii. Last week we discussed the reality of judgment as one motivation for evangelism.

**2. This week we will continue to think about our MOTIVATION for evangelism as we discuss the relationship between divine sovereignty and human responsibility.<sup>1</sup> Why is this topic so controversial?**

**3. The two reasons that all Christians believe that God is sovereign:**

- i. They give God thanks for their conversion.
- ii. They pray for the conversion of others.

**4. What does the Bible teach about divine sovereignty (God as King)?**

- Verses: Is. 45:5-7, Job 38-42, Eph. 1:3-14, Rom. 9:14-18

**5. What does the Bible teach about human responsibility (God as Judge)?**

- Verses: Ps. 37:27-28, Ezek. 18:19-32, Rom. 2:6-11, 10:5-13, Eph. 4:17-24

**6. So how do these fit together?**

- Verses: Ex. 9:34 & 10:1, Phil. 2:13 & 14; Jn. 6:44 & Rev. 3:20; Eph. 2:1-9 & 10

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<sup>1</sup> This lesson is largely based on J.I. Packer's classic book, *Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God* (Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 1961).

**7. What are the dangers of:**

- i. Believing in divine sovereignty without human responsibility?
- ii. Believing in human responsibility without divine sovereignty?

**8. The two primary motives of evangelism:**

- i. Love of God and concern for his glory.
- ii. Love of people and concern for their welfare.

**9. The sovereignty of God does not affect the nature and duty of evangelism.**

- i. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_.
- iv. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for his or her response to the gospel.

**10. The sovereignty of God gives us our only hope of success in evangelism.**

- i. Successful evangelism without \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ makes successful evangelism possible & certain.
- iii. This confidence and certainty should have effects on our \_\_\_\_\_  
when evangelizing.

**11. So what?**