

Soteriology

Session 2



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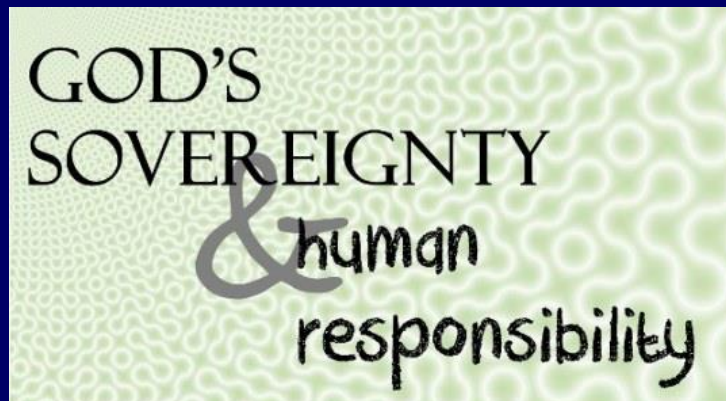
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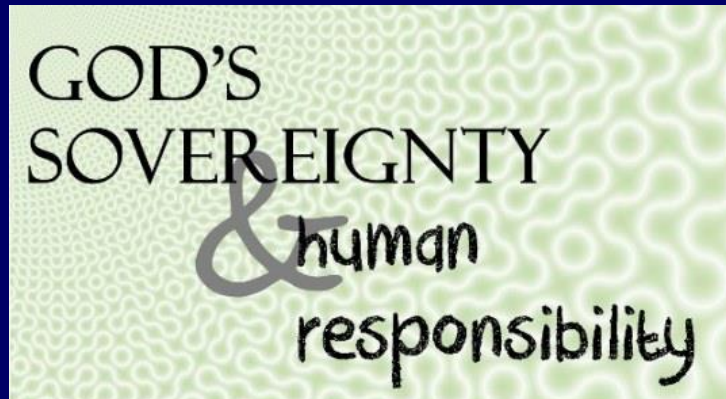
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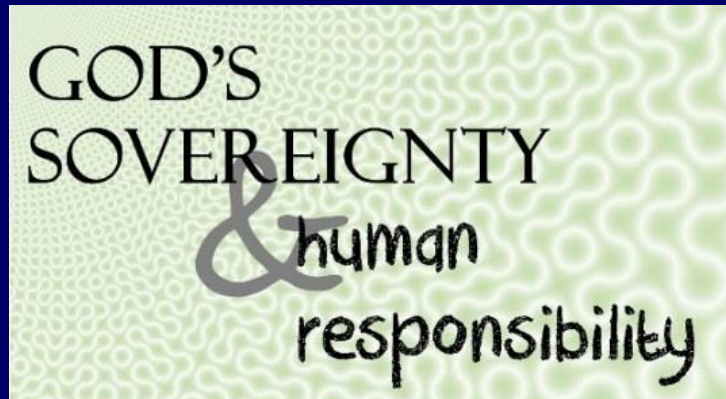
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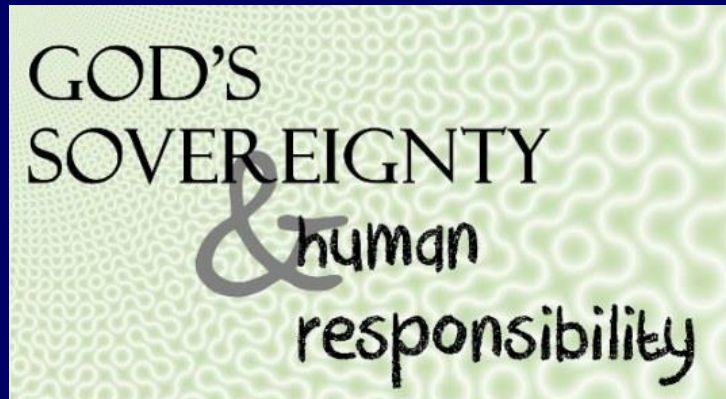
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1. Harmony with God's character

- Love – John 3:16; Eph 1:4-5
- Glory – Eph 1:4-6, 11; Jude 24-25
- Eternal purpose – Eph 1:11
- God's desire for all to be saved – 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9
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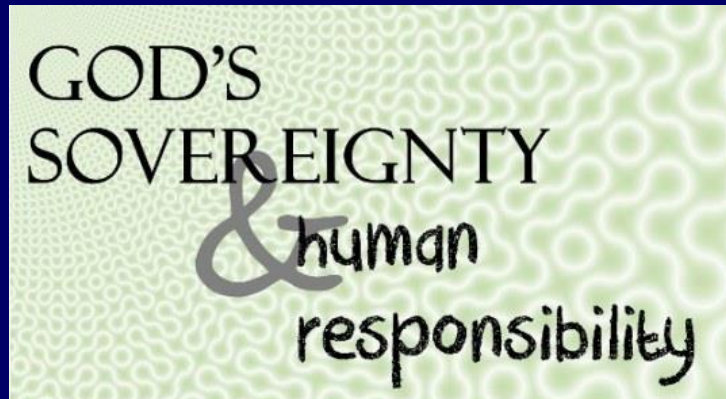
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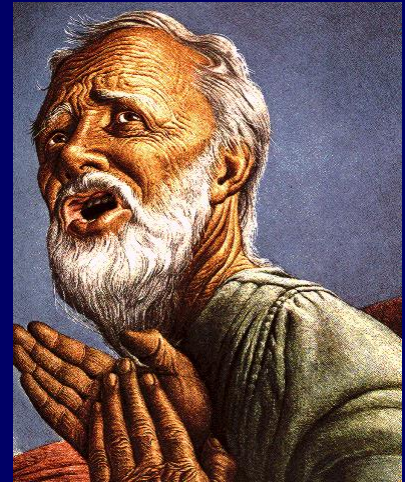
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BELIEF – GOD'S ONE CONDITION FOR JUSTIFICATION

Gen 15:6-Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31-"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



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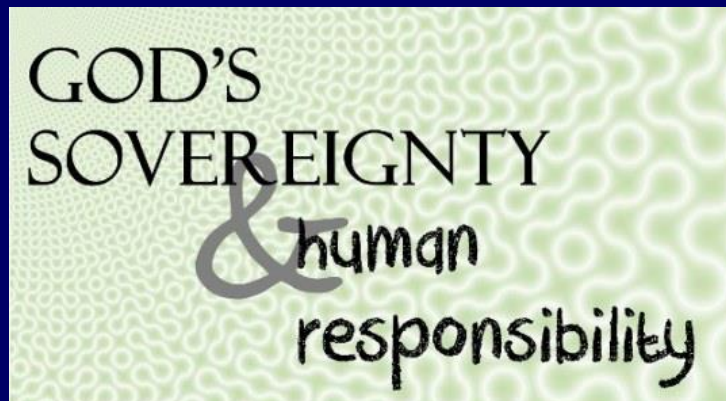
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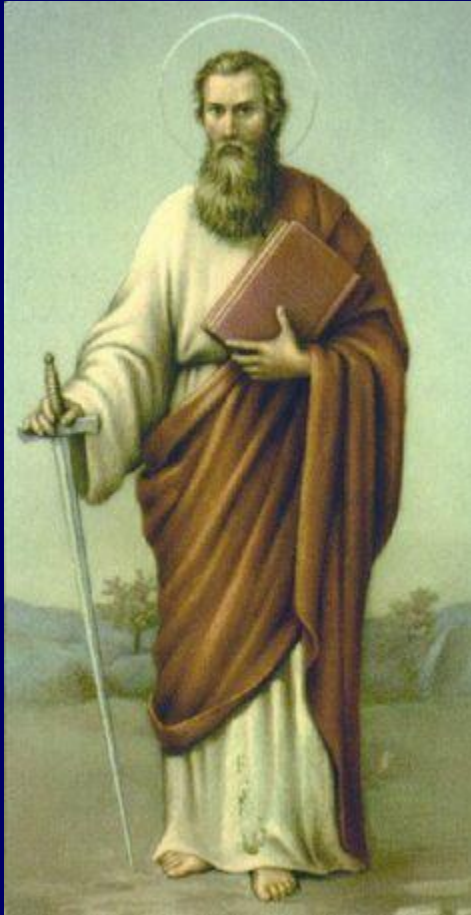
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Acts 2:23



"this *Man*, delivered over by the **predetermined plan** and **foreknowledge** of God, **you nailed** to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death"

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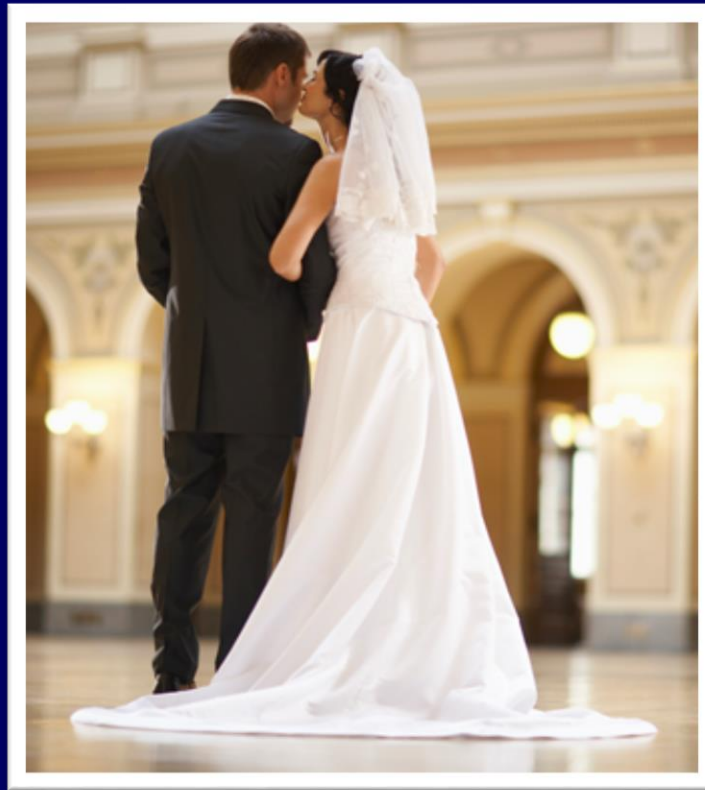
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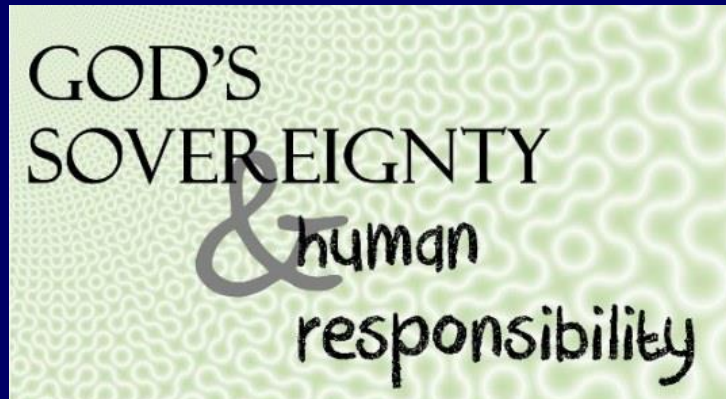
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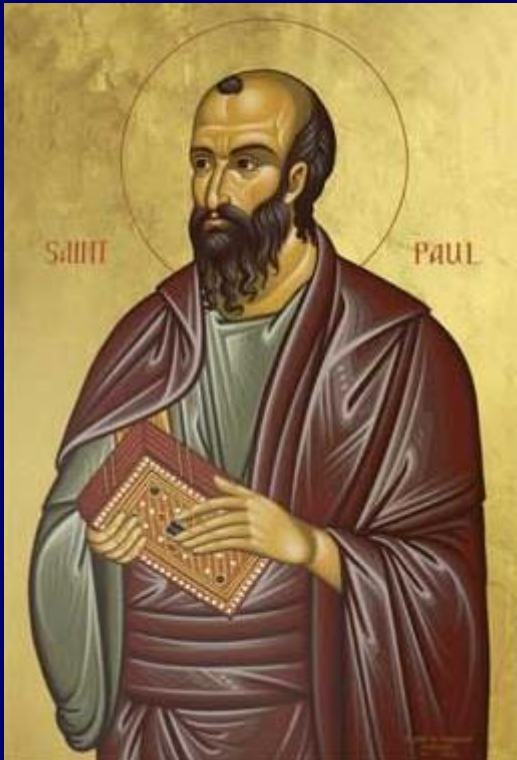
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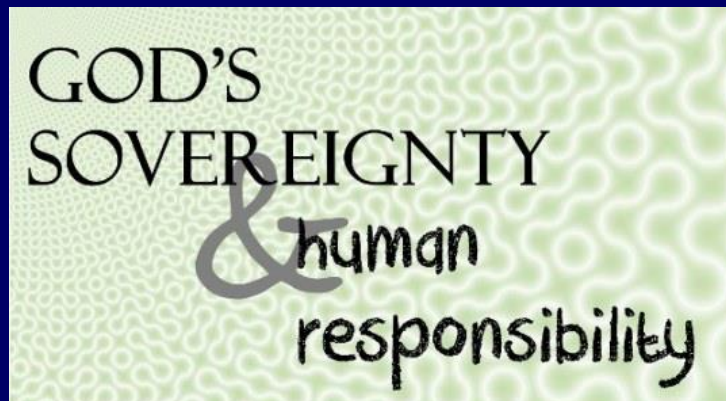
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