

# The Sovereignty of God in Salvation

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## I. Introduction.

A. Salvation is totally a work from God.

B. Text: Ephesians 1:3-14.

## II. God's work of salvation.

A. God has brought about salvation by His own will.

B. God has brought about salvation by His own design.

C. God has brought about salvation to the praise of His glory.

## III. Salvation is wrought through Christ.

## IV. The Spirit seals a person in salvation.

## V. What God did for the believer.

A. He chose those who are saved before the world was ever created. (Matthew 25:34, Luke 12:32, John 6:44, 15:16, Acts 9:15, 13:48, II Thessalonians 2:18, II Timothy 1:9, Revelation 17:8)

B. He previously determined our destiny to be children of God. (Galatians 3:26, 4:6, I John 3:1, Isaiah 46:10)

C. He "graced" us, which was giving us something we did not deserve. (Ephesians 2, Acts 15:11, 18:27, Romans 3:24, Romans 5)

D. He redeemed us through the blood of Christ. (Revelation 5)

E. He forgave us. (Matthew 26:28, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 2:13, I John 2:12, Matthew 18)

F. He enlightened us. God gave us His Spirit so we might know the mind of Christ. (I Corinthians 2:12)

G. He gave us an inheritance. (Romans 8:17, 1 John 3:2, II Corinthians 1:22)

I. We are God's own possession sealed for the day of redemption.

VI. Our response to the work of God (that is even generated by God) is to hope in Christ and believe in the gospel. It is all a gift. We deserve no praise for our salvation.

**Application questions:**

1. How is salvation a work of the Trinity?

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2. Which of God's gifts stand out to you the most? What strikes you?

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3. How can you remind yourself daily of the profound gift God has given you through salvation? Explain.

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