

# Free, Eternal, Distinguishing, Sovereign Grace

It is true, "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10: 34). What could a sinful man do to win the respect of the holy God? God has no respect for anything man is, does, or gains, by which he sets himself apart from other men. But God does have his favorites, whom he has, from eternity singled out from the rest of Adam's race, to whom he will be gracious.

He distinguishes them from all others by—eternal election (II Thess. 2:13), sovereign predestination (Rom. 8:29), effectual redemption (Tit. 2:10), and regenerating grace (Eph. 2:1-5).

Nothing so riles man's hatred of God as the declaration that his grace is eternal, free, sovereign, and distinguishing. This message of grace is abasing to human pride, gives no merit to human righteousness, and makes man utterly dependent upon the goodness of God for salvation.

Proud men hate it.

Saved men love it.

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