

SOVEREIGN ACTIONS OF GOD

Romans 1:4-7

Three examples of God's sovereign actions...

I. THE SON WAS APPOINTED

4...who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead

horizo = marking off boundaries = horizon ==

Acts 10:42 - ... this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge...

Acts 17:31 - ...He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed...

Heb 4:7 – He...fixes a certain day...

John 1:10 – He was in the world ... and the world did not know Him.

John 2:18 – What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?

John 2:19 – Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

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4...with power...

2 Cor 13:4 - For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God.

Eph 1:20-22 - 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church...

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4...according to the Spirit of holiness...

= according to the nature and work of the Holy Spirit.

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4...Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *Jesus* – His historical identity and His role as Savior.

Matt 1:21- ... you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. ”

- *Christ* – points to His official work as the Anointed One, the Messiah.
- *Lord* – He is now exalted at the right hand of the Father and exercises all authority in heaven and in earth.

II. AN APOSTLE WAS COMMISSIONED

5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship...

= the gracious apostleship

Gal 1:15-16 - ...God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles...

1 Cor 15:9-10 - For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am...

II. AN APOSTLE WAS COMMISSIONED

A. *THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF HIS COMMISSION*

5...obedience of faith...

1st – it refers to the *obedience* that IS *faith*.

2nd – true faith always is EVIDENCED in obedience.

II. AN APOSTLE WAS COMMISSIONED

A. *THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF HIS COMMISSION*

B. *THE PARTICULAR SCOPE OF HIS COMMISSION*

5...among all the Gentiles...

Gentiles is ethne

Rom 11:13 - ... I am an apostle of Gentiles...

Gal 1:15–16 - 15 ...God... called me through His grace...16...that I might preach Him among the Gentiles

Eph 3:8 - To me...this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ...

II. AN APOSTLE WAS COMMISSIONED

A. *THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF HIS COMMISSION*

B. *THE PARTICULAR SCOPE OF HIS COMMISSION*

C. *THE DRIVING MOTIVE OF HIS COMMISSION*

5...for His name's sake...

Acts 9:15 – Paul is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles...

3 John 7 - For they went out for the sake of the Name...

STOTT – *The highest of missionary motive is neither obedience to the Great Commission (important as that is), nor love for sinners who are alienated and perishing (strong as that incentive is, especially when we contemplate the wrath of God), but rather zeal – burning and passionate zeal – for the glory of Jesus Christ.*

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- II. AN APOSTLE WAS COMMISSIONED
- III. MANY SINNERS ARE SAVED

Three important realities about all true believers:

A. WE ARE POSSESSED BY GOD

6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ...

\= EFFECTUAL CALL

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Rom 8:29-30 - ...those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

We BELONG to Jesus...we are HIS POSSESSION.

III. MANY SINNERS ARE SAVED

Three important realities about all true believers:

B. WE ARE LOVED BY GOD

7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome...

Eph 1:6 - ...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Psa 7:11 - God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.

III. MANY SINNERS ARE SAVED

Three important realities about all true believers:

A. *WE ARE POSSESSED BY GOD*

B. *WE ARE LOVED BY GOD*

C. *WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY GOD*

7...called as saints...

saints = 'set apart ones'... 'sanctified ones.'

III. MANY SINNERS ARE SAVED

C. WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY GOD

7...called as saints...

Deut 7:6 - For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession...

ecclesia – an assembly of called out ones

Col 3:12 – Christians are those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved...

7...Grace to you and peace...

*1 Cor 1:3 - Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Gal 1:3 - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ,*

7...from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord – the personal name of Christ in distinction from the Father and the Spirit.

Jesus – the human name given to the Son of God...and points to His role as Savior.

Matt 1:21 - ... you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Christ – ‘anointed One’ = *Messiah*

• RESURRECTION IS SIGNIFICANT TO US

1. We have access to the very power that raised Christ from the dead:

Eph 1:18–20 - 18 I pray that...you will know...19 ...what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe....in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places...

- **RESURRECTION IS SIGNIFICANT TO US**

1. We have access to the very power that raised Christ from the dead.
2. We too will be resurrected and overcome death.

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- **MOTIVATION IS SIGNIFICANT TO US**

We have an exalted motivation – *for the sake of His name.*

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- **MOTIVATION IS SIGNIFICANT TO US**
- **SELF-EVALUATION IS SIGNIFICANT TO US**

***GRACE* and *PEACE* are found only in Christ.**

*Rom 10:9 - if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord,
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the
dead, you will be saved;*