

**A Book Recommendation:
"SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD" by Arthur W. Pink
Baker Book House, 261**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Reformed Reading Book Club (RRBC) has completed reading its second book, "*Sovereignty of God*", by A. W. Pink. The first book we read was "*Trusting God when Life hurts*" by Jerry Bridges. The book by A. W. Pink is a "MUST READ" book for a Reformed Christian. And if you have never read it, you must read it. And if you have read it like 10 years ago, let me recommend you to read it again.

You ought to read the edition that is published by Baker Book House, which is the complete version. Banner of Truth Trust has also has a book by the same title but don't buy it! You will be shortchanged and you will not get your money's worth. The reason is because they have omitted crucial chapters that define the Reformed Faith! They left out a chapter on "Sovereignty of God in Reprobation" and all the appendices! They are on Pink's explanation of John 3.16, I John 2.2, the distinction between the will of God's precept and decree and the case of Adam.

Here are my reasons for recommending this book to you:

1. This doctrine is crucial to our understanding of the 5 points of Calvinism. Calvinism makes no sense if you do not understand Sovereignty of God. This doctrine is the heart of the Reformed Faith. "One truth distinguishes what is known as the Reformed Faith, or Calvinism. That truth is the sovereignty of God" (p 1, *Saved by Grace*, R. Cammenga & R. Hanko).
2. That you will be familiar with the proofs and argumentation for believing in the sovereignty of God. This is the for the purpose of apologetics.
3. That you will be able to explain the biblical understanding of John 3.16 and I John 2.2
4. To read this book and to grasp its content is to have a solid theological instruction on the doctrine of the Sovereignty of God

Why is this doctrine so important?

"Alas! That the doctrine which is the key the history, the interpreter of Providence, the warp and woof of Scripture, and the foundation of Christian theology ... " p19.

What is the Sovereignty of God?

"We mean the supremacy of God, the kingship of God, the godhood of God. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that God is God. To say that God is sovereign is to declare that He is the most High, doing according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, so that none can stay His hand or say unto Him what doest thou? (Dan. 4.35). To say that God is sovereign . p19.

Sovereignty characterises the whole Being of God, p21

God is sovereignty in the designation of His power to others, p22

God is sovereignty in His misery, p23

God is sovereign in the exercise of his will, p24

God is sovereign in the exercise of His grace, p25.

To end this review, I like to whet your appetite by highlighting the important chapters of the book.

Chapter 1, God's Sovereignty Defined

Chapter 4, The Sovereignty of God in Salvation

Chapter 5, The Sovereignty of God in Reprobation

Chapter 7, God's Sovereignty and the Human Will

Chapter 9, God's Sovereignty and Prayer

I hope you will take up the challenge to read a book, once a month and join us in this book fellowship.

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