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- I. God has always existed.
- II. God's authority is final.
- III. Sovereignty is enforced by His omnipotence.
- IV. God has a *PLAN* for the ages, expressed in decrees.
- V. Decrees (the acts of creation) – God decreed the cross in the eternal ages past, but the human volition of Jesus Christ *decided* for the cross at Gethsemane. (NOTE HERE: [Essence Diagram of Jesus Christ, Deity II](#)) God cannot contradict His own character; He plans *the best* for each believer. God is perfect, and His *PLAN* is perfect. His *PLAN* is to take every believer through the DPS (Divine Power Sphere) into the Grace Abounding Life as rapidly as possible, and keep him/her there as long as possible. The book of Ephesians and Hebrews are parallel epistles. Ephesians emphasized the decrees, (God's design) and the book of Hebrews emphasizes a universal priesthood. (Man)
- VI. Permanence of Divine Decrees.
- VII. All creation is to have recognition and acceptance of His perfect character.
- VIII. God's plan is to be viewed from TWO ASPECTS:
 1. Morality for the entire human race, and
 2. Salvation and abundant living for the believers.
- IX. God has given mankind volition – either to choose or to reject God's plan.
- X. God has laws of divine morality.

Sovereignty (Continued)

XI. God's plan related to...

1. Salvation
 - 1) He provides
 - 2) We choose or reject
 - 3) If we choose, He then *SEALS* and makes permanent.
2. Life on earth
3. Eternity – life in heaven with God

XII. Applying God's sovereignty to the Christian's way of life.

1. God is in control of history.
2. The believer is in a unique place of privilege, responsibility and protection.
3. Our salvation is secure.
4. Our daily life is provided for.
5. We have confidence, contentment, happiness and motivation for service for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Closing Points – What God's Word Does for Us:

1. God's Word is the only source of knowledge of how to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Daily study leads to occupation with the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Study produces confidence.
4. Provides God's viewpoint.
5. Provides God's plan for our time on the earth.
6. Provides sanity and stability of mind.
7. Provides divine guidance.
8. We can choose human or divine viewpoint.