



## Sovereign Grace Is for Abounding!

Lesson 10 • 1 Corinthians 16:21-24

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor 15:58)*

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen." (1 Cor 16:23-24)*

Always Abound in the Work of the Lord, Knowing that Your Labor in the Lord Is Not in Vain!			
STEWARDSHIP 16:1-9	SERVING 16:10-18	SHARED COMMUNITY 16:19-20	SOVEREIGN GRACE 16:21-24
Always Abound in Giving to the Lord Showing Hospitality Proclaiming the Gospel	Always Abound in Honoring Those Who Abound Enduring in Abounding Refreshing God's Sent Ones	Always Abound in Greeting One Another Building Community in Small Groups	Always Abound in Standing strong in the Gospel of Sovereign Grace

Those Who Are Always Abounding in Stewardship, Serving, and Shared Community  
Have Learned to Stand Strong in the Good News of God's \_\_\_\_\_!

### Sovereign Grace Is for Abounding, But What Is It?

► What does **Sovereign** mean?

- The Triune God is the only One who rightfully rules over everything in the universe for His glory, due to the fact He is the Creator of everything and is perfectly holy in His character. *Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6; 15:20-28*

► What does **Grace** mean?

- This sovereign God rules over everything in the universe He created in a way that not only brings Him glory but is also for the ultimate good of all creation, including His most prized creation—male and female in His image—who have chosen to rebel against His perfect character and His gracious rule.

**Common grace** is God freely taking the initiative to allow undeserving rebels to continue to live and enjoy the goodness of His character and His creation even though they continue to reject Him and live in rebellion.

**Matthew 5:45; Acts 14:17**

**Saving grace** is God freely taking the initiative in saving out of all these undeserving rebels some whom He calls through the gospel to be His witnesses and to do His work, having given to them both the desire and the ability to be and do these things.

**Ephesians 2:8-9; 1:5-6; Romans 5:1-5**

### Sovereign Grace Is...

**HOW** God the Father rules over His sin-cursed creation,

**IN ORDER** to take the initiative in **REDEEMING** undeserving sinners through faith in His Son

and

**TRANSFORMING** them into His obedient children by His Spirit,

**SO THAT** they are **EMPOWERED** to **ALWAYS ABOUND** in the work of the Lord

**FOR** His glory, their joy, and the good of others.

- Perhaps the greatest example of God's sovereign grace is \_\_\_\_\_!

Paul Is an Example of Both God's Sovereign **COMMON** Grace and Sovereign **SAVING** Grace...

1) As **"Saul" the unsaved religious rebel**, he experienced God's sovereign **common grace**. Galatians 1:13-16; Eph 3:7-8

2) As **"Paul" the saved sinner**, he experienced God's sovereign **saving grace**. Galatians 1:13-16; 1Corinthians 15:9-11

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you" 16:23*

### Sovereign Grace Is for Abounding, But How Do I Stand Strong In It?

1. Stand Strong in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. 15:1-2

2. Stand Strong in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. 15:10, 58; 16:15

3. Stand Strong in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. 16:5-8, 10-11, 17-18

### Send Them Forward On Their Way in a Manner Worthy of God and with Refreshed Hearts!

*"Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth." 3John 5-8*

*"I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake. For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother." Philemon 4-7*

4. Stand Strong in the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (16:22-24)

➤ Stand strong in a **definition** of love that is \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ Stand strong in the **motivation** of love that is \_\_\_\_\_.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord! *"If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed."* (v. 22)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord! *"Maranatha!"* (v. 22)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord! *"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you."* (v. 23)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord! *"My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen."* (v. 24)

### We Can Always Abound in the Work of the Lord, When We Stand Strong in God's Sovereign Grace!

- Stand Strong in the **GOSPEL MESSAGE** of the Lord: *Receive it and then hold fast to it as you share it with others this week!*
- Stand Strong in the **GOSPEL MINISTRY** of the Lord: *Be steadfast and immovable in serving the Lord and our local church!*
- Stand Strong in the **GOSPEL MISSION** of the Lord: *Commit to participating in the World Outreach Celebration, Oct 21-25!*
- Stand Strong in the **GOSPEL MOTIVATION** of the Lord: *Let it all be done with the love that is only possible in the Lord!*