

“To the Praise of the Glory of His Grace”

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**STRIVING TO ADVANCE THE JOY AND FAITH OF OTHERS
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

Introduction

It is our desire that every heart here would be ravished with the God of grace and His great and wonderful works – in particular, the so-great salvation found in Christ alone.

Presupposition One – Scripture is God’s Word and it is truth.

Thus, the Word of God is the authority here. We must bow our thoughts, views, and opinions to the revealed will and word of God. Humility is needed. Allow the Bible to sit in judgment on your assumptions. Allow the Bible to impose its views on you, instead of imposing your views on it.

Presupposition Two – God is Sovereign.

In other words, God is truly God. He rules over all – from events (Dan. 4:25, 34-35), to the flight of sparrows (Matt. 10:29), to the casting of lots (Prov. 16:33), and over all men; even the King’s heart is like water; He turns it wherever He wishes (Prov. 21:1).

Presupposition Three – God is Glorious and created all things for His glory.

God, to bring glory to His name, purposed and planned a creation and a history in which He might show the exceeding riches of His grace throughout the ages. Therefore, God was not merely a spectator in the creation, the fall, the onward march of time and history of mankind. We see this in particular that day on the cross when the Lamb, purposed to be slain before the foundation of the world, was crucified and put to death (see Acts 2:23; Acts 4:27-28). This day when the “chief cornerstone” was rejected, was the day that the Lord had made (Ps. 118:22-24). The Lamb of God, for the joy set before Him, magnified the God of incredible grace and wonder in the salvation of a people who would know and experience the wonder and grace of God; and be forever to the praise of the glory of His grace!