# **Christian Doctrine** God (Part 9)

Attributes: Who Is He?

## God Is Sovereign

#### What Does This Mean?

- In regard to position: God is the <u>highest</u> being in the Universe. He has the authority to do whatever He pleases.
- In regard to power: God has all power over the Universe. He has the ability to do whatever He pleases.

## Where Do We See This in Scripture?

- "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all" (Ps. 103:19).
- God is able to do "all that he pleases" (Ps. 115:3), for "whatever the Lord pleases, he does" (Ps. 135:6).
- God has a plan for the world that was determined before creation (Is. 46:10; Acts 15:18).
- God carries out His plan for everything in accordance with His will (Eph. 1:11).
- "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

### What Does This Mean for Me?

- ⇒ We must recognize that all events/circumstances we face (whether they seem good or bad) are all within God's sovereign control.
- ⇒ Though we may not understand why God allows certain things to happen, we can still trust Him. It is often during these times of uncertainty that God truly amazes us in how He works things out for good.
- ⇒ God is sovereign over our lives, yet we still have the responsibility to obey Him. It is through this obedience that God will carry out His perfect plan for our lives (Rom. 12:1-2).