

**Devotional Thoughts :: The free, sovereign grace of God! -winslow**

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(Octavius Winslow, "Christ, Our Righteousness")

"Those He predestined, He also called;  
and those He called, He also justified;  
and those He justified, He also glorified."  
Romans 8:30

The justified sinner stands the closest to God,  
of any created being in the universe. Nearer  
to the throne of the Eternal, he cannot stand.

What marvelous love!

Who will dare assert that salvation is not,  
from first to last—of free, sovereign grace!

Let your eye pierce the veil which falls between  
earth and heaven. Behold that shining, worshiping  
being, standing so near to the throne of glory,  
bathed in the overpowering effulgence of its rays!

Who is he?

He was once a sinner upon earth, the vilest  
of his race, the dishonored of his generation,  
forsaken by man—and abhorred of God.

But Jesus met him, and divine love drew him, and  
sovereign grace rescued, pardoned, and saved him!  
And now washed from all his guilt by the blood,  
freed from all condemnation by the righteousness  
of Christ—he stands before the throne "blameless,"  
a "king and a priest unto God." Such is the great  
love of Jesus! And all this grace, and all this  
glory, and all this bliss—flows from the free,  
sovereign grace of God!

**Re: The free, sovereign grace of God! -winslow - posted by Lor\_E (), on: 2008/1/5 16:25**

Amen and AMEN!

"To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved."

Thank you, I needed this very much today!!!