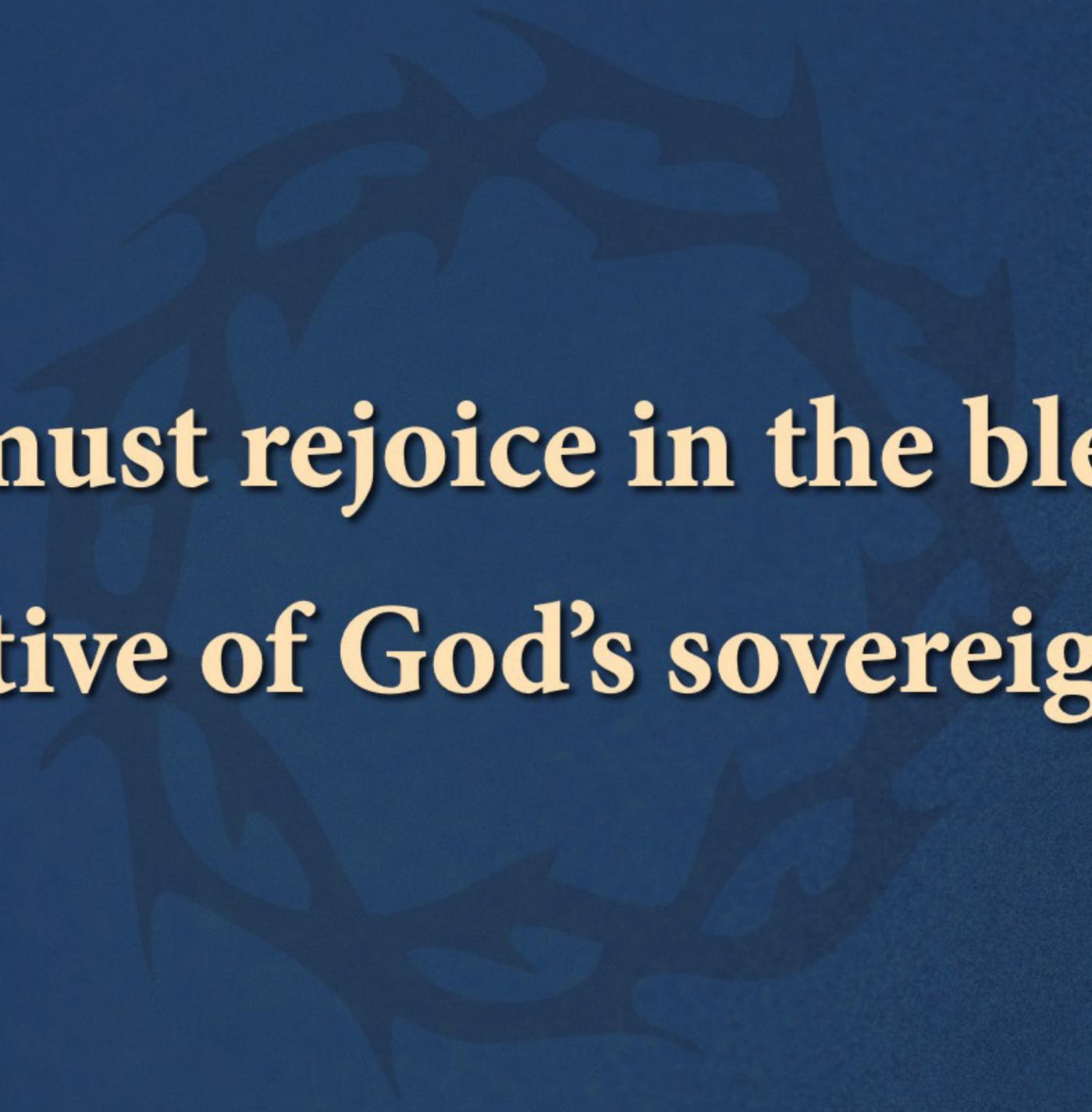


**Philippians: Rejoicing in  
the Advancement of the Gospel**

**“Some Practical Implications of Trusting the  
God Who Knows What He is Doing.”**

**Philippians 1:12-30**



**We must rejoice in the blessed  
perspective of God's sovereign grace!**

**I. To see that God's work is ever advancing.**

**(1:12-18a)**

**A. Even in the midst difficult situations**

**B. Even by the hands of difficult people**

**II. To see that life in Christ is always a “win-win” reality. (1:18b-26)**

**A. Whether we serve Him by faith now...**

**B. ...or worship Him face-to-face then!**

# **III. To see that our true citizenship is heaven.**

**(1:27-30)**

**A. So that we stand in the One Spirit of God.**

**B. So that we soldier as one soul--**

**1. Unshaken by opposition**

**2. Unafraid of suffering for Christ**

**1. God Is Sovereign.**

**Therefore No Relationship Or Life  
Circumstance Is The Result Of Chance.**

**They are All God-Authored.**

**2. God-Authored Relationships And Life Circumstances Can Be Undesirable And Painful Ones Which May Or May Not Be The Result Of One's Own Bad Choices Or Sinful Behavior.**

**3. For The Believer, Undesirable And  
Painful Relationships And Life  
Circumstances Always Work Together  
For Good And Provide Opportunities  
To Honor God.**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:**

**his holy will abideth;**

**I will be still, whate'er he doth,**

**and follow where he guideth.**

**He is my God; though dark my road,**

**he holds me that I shall not fall:**

**wherefore to him I leave it all.**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:**

**he never will deceive me;**

**He leads me by the proper path;**

**I know he will not leave me.**

**I take, content, what he hath sent;**

**his hand can turn my griefs away,**

**and patiently I wait his day**

**Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
here shall my stand be taken;  
though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
yet am I not forsaken.**

**My Father's care is round me there;  
he holds me that I shall not fall:  
and so to him I leave it all.**