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The Decrees & Sovereignty of God



1. God is _____

A. A Definition:

B.

C.

2. Our _____

3. What to Do About It

A.

B.

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4. What NOT to Do About It

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1. God is Sovereign

A. A Definition

“God retains all rights and exercises supreme and ultimate authority over everyone and everything.”



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A. A Definition

B. God has a Plan

(i.e., “His Decrees”)

**C. Even “Bad Things” are a
Part of His Good Plan**



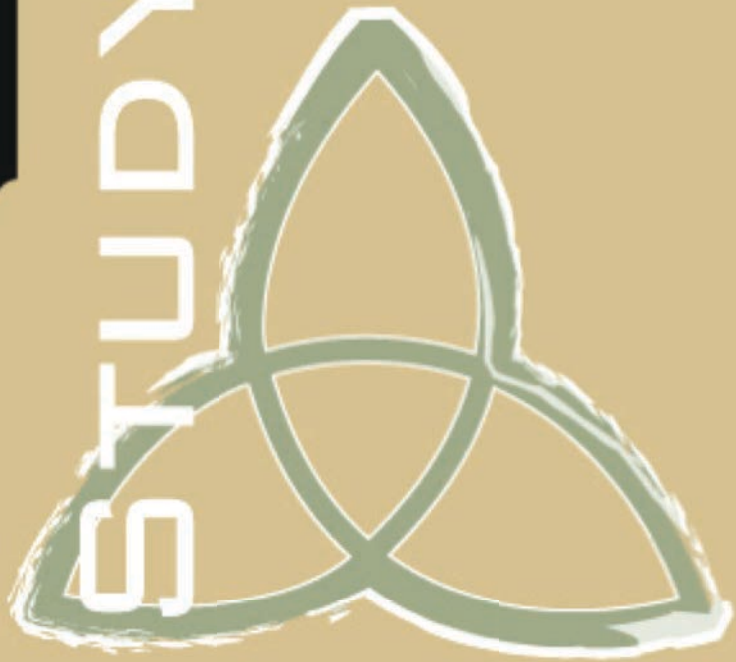
2. Our Will is Inferior to His

- **Proverbs 21:1**
- **Daniel 4:34-35**
- **Exodus 34:22-24**
- **Mark 4:39-41**

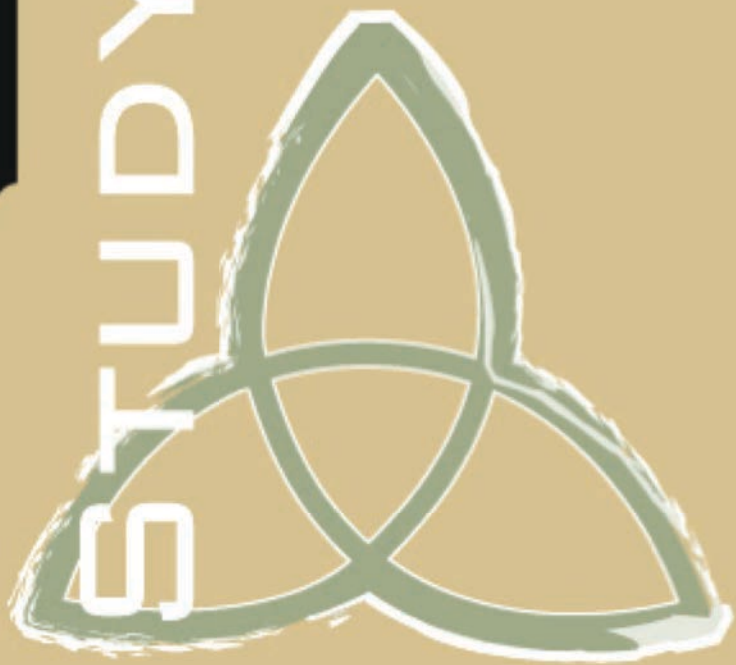


3. What to Do About It

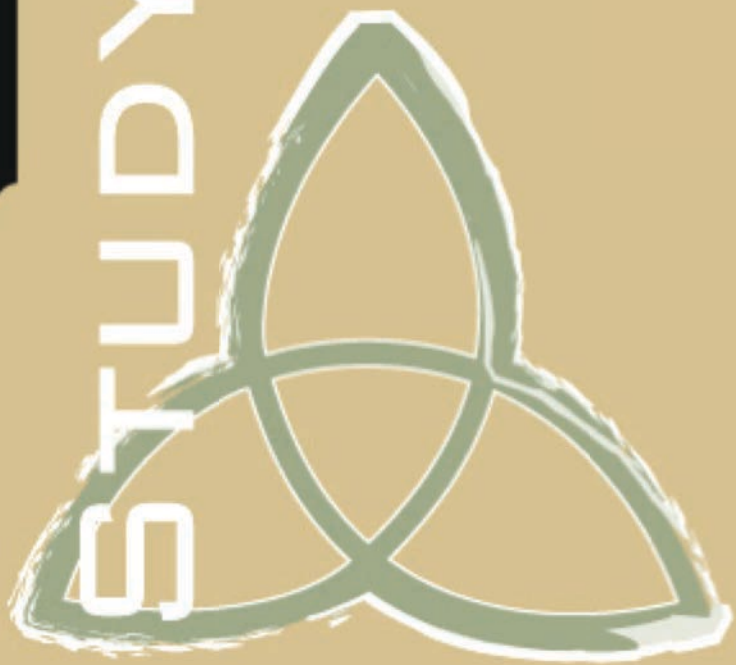
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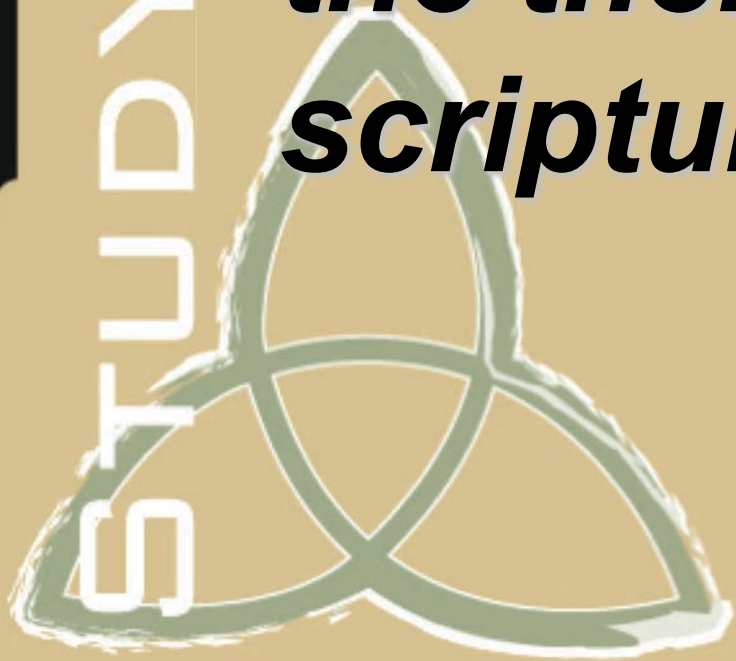
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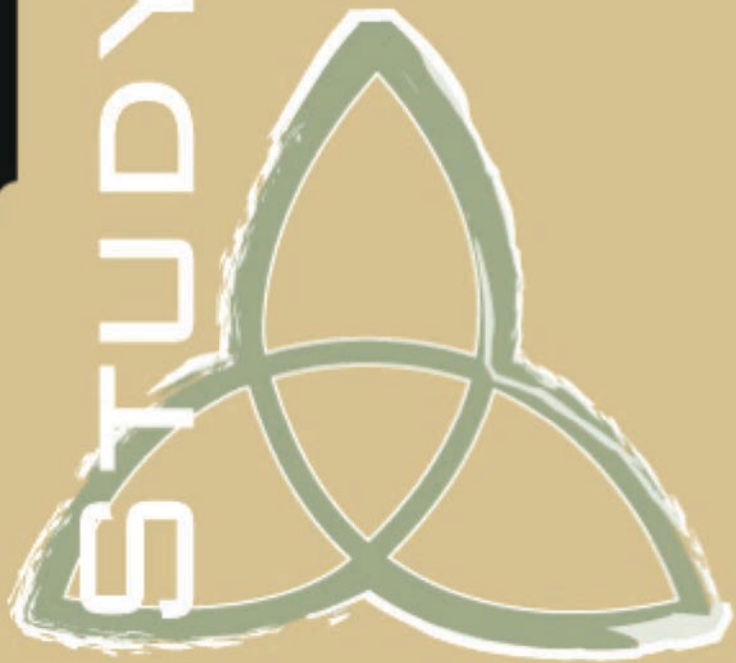
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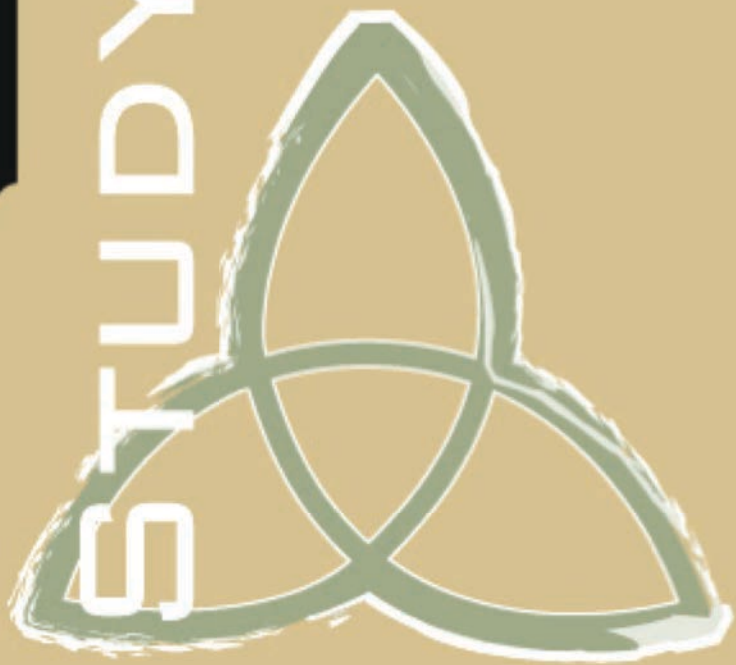
***“For the monotheist there is no escape from the sovereignty-responsibility tension, except by moving so far from the biblical data that either the picture of God or the picture of man bears little resemblance to the their portraits as assembled from the scriptural texts themselves. It is no answer to tell me that my presentation of the sovereignty-responsibility tension still embraces certain unresolved tensions.*”**

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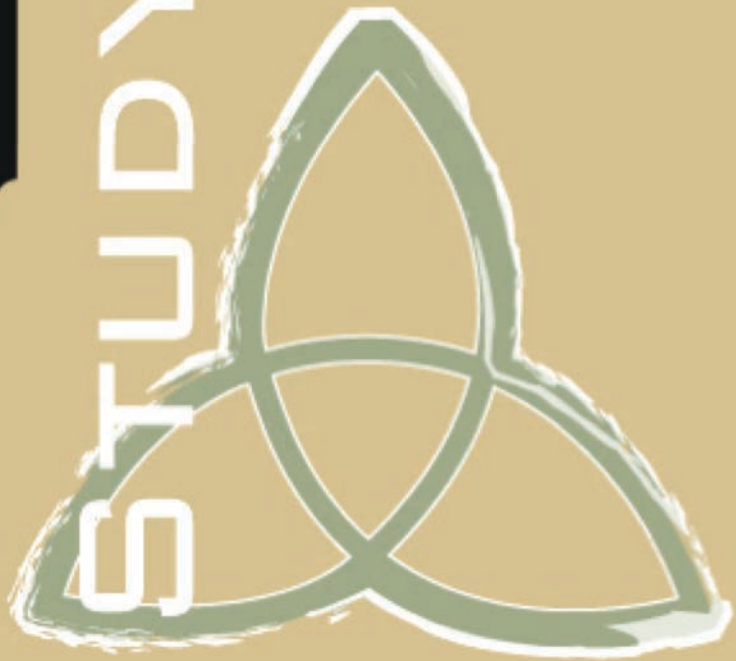
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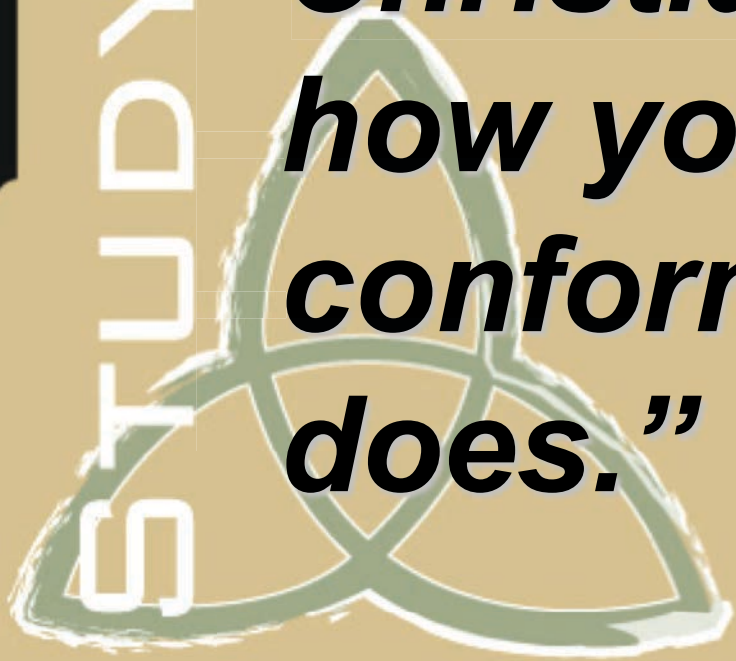
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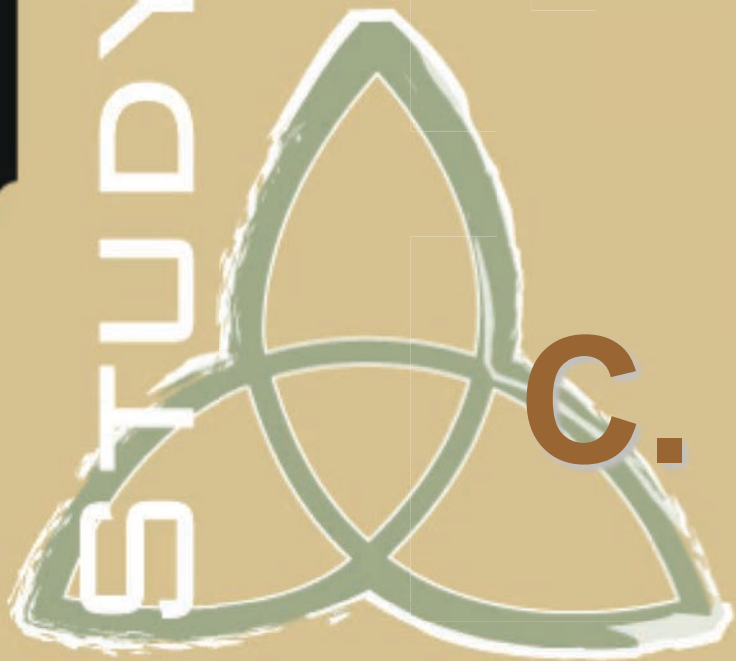
-- D. A. Carson

3. What to Do About It

**A. Humbly Live with the
Conundrum**

**B. Regularly Acknowledge
Our Contingency**

C. Enjoy the Security

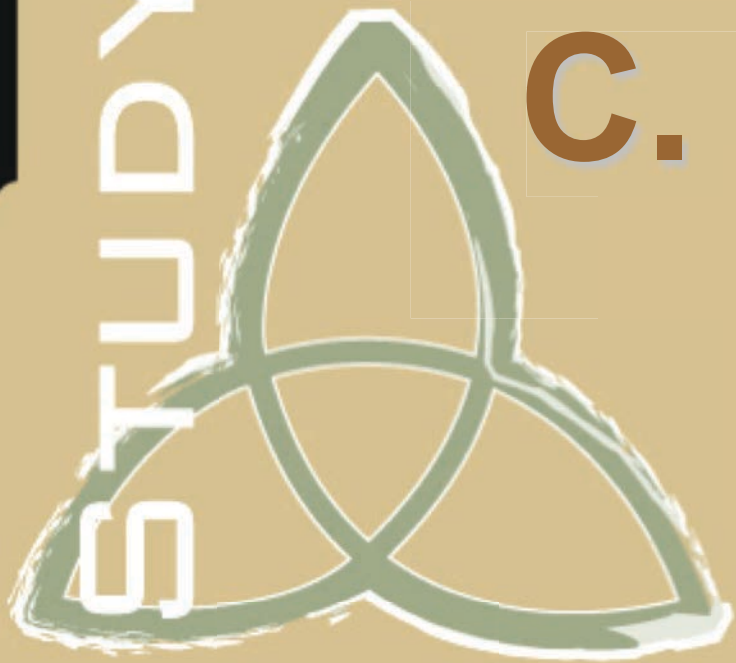


4. What NOT to Do About It

A. Don't Stop Working

B. Don't Stop Praying

C. Don't Stop Sharing the Gospel



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