

R. C. Sproul Quotes

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Sovereign, Doe, Prayer, Father, Justice, Thinking, Hands, Holiness, Needs*

Why do bad things happen to good people? That only happened once and He volunteered.

~R. C. Sproul

A god who is all love, all grace, all mercy, no sovereignty, no justice, no holiness, and no wrath is an idol.

~R. C. Sproul

To know that God knows everything about me and yet loves me is indeed my ultimate consolation.

~R. C. Sproul

When there's something in the Word of God that I don't like, the problem is not with the Word of God, it's with me.

~R. C. Sproul

It is one thing to believe in God; it is quite another to believe God.

~R. C. Sproul

God is not going to negotiate His holiness... in order to accommodate us.

~R. C. Sproul

Sin is not simply making bad choices or mistakes. Sin is having the desire in our hearts to do the will of the enemy of God.

~R. C. Sproul

We have to determine our theology from the Word of God, not from what we feel.

~R. C. Sproul

We are secure, not because we hold tightly to Jesus, but because He holds tightly to us.

~R. C. Sproul

God does not rule by the consent of His subjects but by His sovereign authority. His reign extends over me whether I vote for Him or not.

~R. C. Sproul

We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners.

~R. C. Sproul

When God says something, the argument is over.

~R. C. Sproul

The gospel is only good news when we understand the bad news.

~R. C. Sproul

Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life, yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected.

~R. C. Sproul

God did not die. The God who took on Himself a human nature died in His humanity, but the deity did not perish on the cross.

~R. C. Sproul

The Word of God can be in the mind without being in the heart; but it cannot be in the heart without first being in the mind.

~R. C. Sproul

The greatest weakness in the church today is that the servants of God keep looking over their shoulder for the approval of men.

~R. C. Sproul

Our prayers cannot force God to do anything, but He uses them as His own instruments to bring about His will.

~R. C. Sproul

If there is one single molecule in this universe running around loose,

totally free of God's sovereignty, then we have no guarantee that a single promise of God will ever be fulfilled.

~R. C. Sproul

God doesn't need our consent in order to govern us; He made us.

~R. C. Sproul

The sin of fallen man is this: Man seeks the benefits of God while at the same time fleeing from God Himself.

~R. C. Sproul

Man's will is free to follow his inclinations, but fallen man's inclinations are always and invariably away from God.

~R. C. Sproul

At the moment I sin, I desire the sin more than I desire to please God.

~R. C. Sproul

Though sin often brings immediate pleasure, it gives no lasting joy.

~R. C. Sproul

Every sin is an act of cosmic treason, a futile attempt to dethrone God in His sovereign authority.

~R. C. Sproul

Right now counts forever.

~R. C. Sproul

As the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, so the denial of God is the height of foolishness.

~R. C. Sproul

Disciples of Christ abide in His Word. Those who abide in His Word know the truth and are free.

~R. C. Sproul

There is not one piece of cosmic dust that is outside the scope of God's sovereign providence.

~R. C. Sproul

The irony of New Testament lordship is that only in slavery to Christ can a man discover authentic freedom.

~R. C. Sproul

Mindless Christianity is no Christianity at all. You can't love what you don't know.

~R. C. Sproul

Natural man's sin is precisely this: He wants the benefits of God without God Himself.

~R. C. Sproul

In Christian marriage, love is not an option. It is a duty.

~R. C. Sproul

At its root, this is what faith is. It is not believing in God. It's believing God.

~R. C. Sproul

We need the church as urgently as a starving baby needs his mother's milk.

~R. C. Sproul

To live coram Deo is to live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God.

~R. C. Sproul

No unborn baby has ever had the right to choose or deny its own

destruction.

~R. C. Sproul

You have to stop thinking logically to argue that the universe came into being by itself, out of nothing.

~R. C. Sproul

God's grace is so powerful that it has the capacity to overcome our natural resistance to it.

~R. C. Sproul

God not only initiated my salvation, He not only sowed the seed, but He made sure that that seed germinated in my heart by regenerating me by the power of the Holy Ghost.

~R. C. Sproul

Humanism was not invented by man, but by a snake who suggested that the quest for autonomy might be a good idea.

~R. C. Sproul

If you truly have it, you never lose it; and if you lose it, you never truly had it.

~R. C. Sproul

There is nothing in this universe you need more desperately than Christ.

~R. C. Sproul

The only works of righteousness that serve to justify a sinner are the works of Christ.

~R. C. Sproul

To be a Christian is to be a theologian—a student of God and his will. The contemporary disdain for theological content and emphasis on

self-image and emotions were not shared by the apostolic church.

~R. C. Sproul

Isn't it amazing that almost everyone has an opinion to offer about the Bible, and yet so few have studied it?

~R. C. Sproul

Repentance is something that is brought about in the human heart by the work of God the Holy Spirit.

~R. C. Sproul

The principle rule of interpreting Scripture is that Scripture interprets Scripture.

~R. C. Sproul

It is the Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible. It is the Holy Spirit who illumines the Bible.

~R. C. Sproul

The human dilemma is this: God is Holy and we are not. God is Righteous and we are not.

~R. C. Sproul

If it were left to us, we would all fall away from the faith and perish.

~R. C. Sproul

No one was ever called by God to greater suffering than God's only begotten Son.

~R. C. Sproul

Prayer does change things, all kinds of things. But the most important thing it changes is us.

~R. C. Sproul

Reformed theology so far transcends the mere five points of Calvinism that it is an entire worldview.

~R. C. Sproul

I can't make the Bible come alive for anyone. The Bible is already alive. It makes me come alive.

~R. C. Sproul

I don't always feel His presence. But God's promises do not depend upon my feelings; they rest upon His integrity.

~R. C. Sproul

The only thing that we have earned at the hands of perfect justice is perfect punishment.

~R. C. Sproul

Sometimes we emulate the Pharisees more than we imitate Christ.

~R. C. Sproul

The Christian life is to live all of your life in the presence of God.

~R. C. Sproul

Advice to aspiring ministers: Get in the Word. Stay in the Word. Master the Word. And for heaven's sake, preach the Word!

~R. C. Sproul

If you take away the cross as an atoning act, you take away Christianity.

~R. C. Sproul

God is serious about how we worship Him, and we must be serious about it, too.

~R. C. Sproul

The cross was a glorious outworking of the grace of God, by which the Father commissioned the Son to make full satisfaction so that sinners might be saved with no sacrifice of God's justice.

~R. C. Sproul

The grounds of your justification are the perfect works of Jesus Christ. We're saved by works, but they're not our own.

~R. C. Sproul

We are all servants. The only question is whom we will serve.

~R. C. Sproul

The worst sin against stewardship is to waste your life.

~R. C. Sproul

Anyone who takes his faith seriously and speaks in behalf of Christ and His kingdom will be accused of fanaticism at some point.

~R. C. Sproul

We live in age of compromise, but if we stand on the bedrock of God's truth, we will not bend with the winds of relativism and faithlessness.

~R. C. Sproul

What we celebrate at Christmas is not so much the birth of a baby, but the incarnation of God Himself

~R. C. Sproul

Most Christians salute the sovereignty of God but believe in the sovereignty of man.

~R. C. Sproul

If God is not sovereign, God is not God.

~R. C. Sproul

The failure of modern evangelicalism is the failure to understand the holiness of God.

~R. C. Sproul

Grace, by definition, is something that God is not required to grant. He owes a fallen world no mercy.

~R. C. Sproul

Nothing could be more irrational than the idea that something comes from nothing.

~R. C. Sproul

Grace and mercy are never deserved.

~R. C. Sproul

Genuine love for Jesus manifests itself in obedience to His commandments.

~R. C. Sproul

We've replaced the proclamation of Christ with an easy-listening legalism of do more and try harder.

~R. C. Sproul

There is nothing more foreign, more alien, to our nature than holiness.

~R. C. Sproul

The world is filled with God's glory. You can't turn without bumping into it.

~R. C. Sproul

Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance, until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God

~R. C. Sproul

For a work to be considered good it must not only conform outwardly to the law of God, but it must be motivated inwardly by a sincere love for God.

~R. C. Sproul

Without God man has no reference point to define himself.

~R. C. Sproul

The only freedom that man ever has is when he becomes a slave to Jesus Christ.

~R. C. Sproul

If you care about the slaughter of the innocent, then for God's sake, speak up.

~R. C. Sproul

The only righteousness that meets the requirements of the Law is the righteousness of Christ.

~R. C. Sproul

When God writes our names in the 'Lamb's Book of Life' He doesn't do it with an eraser handy. He does it for eternity.

~R. C. Sproul

The fundamental deception of Satan is the lie that obedience can never bring happiness.

~R. C. Sproul

Christ exposed Himself not only to the unbridled hostility of angry men, but, more significantly, to the unmitigated wrath of God.

~R. C. Sproul

The Arminian view makes the final decision of our salvation rest upon a human choice, not upon a divine action.

~R. C. Sproul

Burning hearts are not nourished by empty heads

~R. C. Sproul

Why do those who keep insisting Jesus hung out with sinners also keep insisting there's no such thing as sin?

~R. C. Sproul

In the culture of pluralism...the only thing that cannot be tolerated is a claim to exclusivity.

~R. C. Sproul

We cannot change God. God is unchangeable. If changes are to be made, they must be made in us.

~R. C. Sproul

The sweetest fragrance, the most beautiful aroma that God has ever detected emanating from this planet, was the aroma of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus that was offered once and for all on the cross.

~R. C. Sproul

Our natural inclination is to hide ourselves from God.

~R. C. Sproul

God is the foundation of all authority, He exercises that foundation because He is the author and the owner of His creation. He is the foundation upon which all other authority stands or falls.

~R. C. Sproul

What is the difference between the Christian God, and the gods of the other religions?" He simply, yet profoundly answered, "The main difference is this: The God of Christianity exists.

~R. C. Sproul

The complaint that church is boring is never made by people in awe.

~R. C. Sproul

It's not the wickedness of the pagan that breaks my heart. It's the compromise of the Christian that grieves my soul.

~R. C. Sproul

God wants your life. Not one hour a week, not 10% of your income, He wants you.

~R. C. Sproul

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