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Is.56,8: *“The Sovereign LORD declares – ‘I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”*

1Tim.2,3-4: *“God our Saviour wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”*

Bringing people into the kingdom of God, that is, making a person a Christian, a follower of Jesus, is the sovereign work of God. If we have faith, it is because God gathered us, came in search of us as we were lost and found us, took us by grace. To attribute any merit to ourselves in coming to faith is a curtailment on God’s sovereignty. And if God is not sovereign in the work of salvation also, then grace is no longer grace.

God will gather – and we? we expect indeed that he will and pray, speak and act accordingly.

*“Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. ... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Eph.2,4-10)*