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## DIVINE ACTIONS

Some things God decreed to do Himself. We call these immediate things. Creation is immediate. God created space, matter and also time. Salvation is immediate creation because it was a direct action of the divine sovereignty and no secondary agency was involved.

The control of history is dependent on the omnipotent power of God, in which He takes a direct hand in the matter rather than relegate (reduce in importance) the task to secondary causes. Other things He decreed that some agency would perform (such as the free will of man) would perform –this we call mediate things.

God accomplishes some things through the action of secondary causes acting the law of necessity. Other things God has decreed to promote or permit free agents to do in the exercise of their own free will and self-determination. On one hand, human volition is responsible for sin, human good, and evil from old sin nature.

On the one hand, man is free to believe in Christ through non-meritorious positive volition resulting in eternal salvation. Some events are rendered by the decree of God to be just as certainly future, however, all events are equally certain to occur whether caused directly by the sovereignty of God or caused by the free will of man.

Primary, secondary, tertiary, every cause for every event is equally in the decree and will occur. The sovereignty of God and the free will of man coexist in human history as an extension of the angelic conflict.

There is one all-inclusive will or purpose of God concerning all that ever was or will be from the beginning of human history until its termination on the last of the Millennium. God has known every thought, decision, and action that has ever occurred or will occur because all events come into being through one decree. God's will in this aspect refers to God's sovereign decisions to what would come into existence or in short, the divine decree and not to divine guidance.

This will and purpose of God originated within Himself long before any creature of any kind existed. His will is always consistent with His perfect essence. The will and purpose of God (the divine decree) was objectively designed for His own glory, pleasure and satisfaction.

All creatures have been placed in time and space and all events related time and space were instantaneously and simultaneously decreed. The fact that all events were decreed results in divine action. All divine action related to creation is the work of grace. The work of grace is the policy of His integrity in blessing the believers. Divine actions falls under two classifications:

Divine actions within the Godhead are immanent, intrinsic, and subjective. Divine actions related to creation are transient, extrinsic, and objective. God did not decree Himself to be God. God existed prior to and outside of the decree, so that the divine decree do not act upon God –He act upon the decrees.

Since the divine decrees are efficacious –having the power to produce the indented effect – they determine all that ever was or will be. They include God’s directive will, permissive will and overruling will.

These three categories of divine will describe the manner in which God’s sovereignty controls history –they are subcategories of divine action as related to His creation.