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## ELECTION & HUMAN HISTORY

Predestination permanently and eternally relates to the Church Age believers to the plan of grace [2 Tim. 1:9]. Predestination means that the believer is in union with the Lord Jesus Christ through retroactive and current positional truth, in which the saints shares the destiny of Christ [Ephesians 1:5]. The believers also share the election of Christ, which occurred in eternity past [1 Peter 2:4-6].

God gracious and unconditional covenants to Israel can be fulfilled only to the elect. God cannot just pour out His perfect blessings to anybody outside election. In the Old Testament, Israel refers to those Jews who were also spiritual Jews through faith in Christ. The genuine Jew is not merely the physical seed of Abraham but His spiritual seed as well. Unless the racial Jews follow the pattern of Abraham in salvation, he is not elected because not all-racial Israelite is genuine spiritual Israelite.

The unconditional covenants to Israel are promises for the elect Jews –for those who have believed in Christ who possess God’s imputed righteousness and eternal life. The covenants of God to Israel are eternal, so therefore, the recipients and beneficiaries must have eternal life. The divine decrees include all the facts of human history. These are the facts, which were fed into the decree by the omniscience of God. The entire lives of all members of the human race are on the divine decree. Beginning with the first breath until the time of physical death all is recorded based on the divine decree.

You do not know what the future holds for you but God does. He recorded it in the eternity past. Only the events and things recorded will come to past. For God, there is nothing that could surprise Him.

This divine will and purpose originated entirely within Himself before He created our universe. The will of God (the divine decree) is in His mind at all times. He alone designed it for His own pleasure, perfectly compatible with His essence and related to His glory. Therefore, it pleases God to run the compact disk of our recorded life (the divine decree) to the end. He knows what is on it, and He is running it for each one of us.

Space and time are the venue of the battle –the overall setting in which we live and use our volition for or against the will of God. These broad concepts are all in the divine decrees and also the details, which reach down to the minutia of life. The most minor details of every event and happening in the world are included in the decree [Luke 12:6-7]. Nothing escapes the perfect knowledge of God.

The Godhead functions under the divine decree in relation to human beings, not under the pressure of time and infinity but in relation to man as supreme Creator. The Members of the Godhead function in a way that is immanence, intrinsic, and subjective. Subjectivity is perfect when God is dealing with Himself.

How the Godhead maintains and supports the believer is transient (the divine decree keeps running), extrinsic (because such actions occurs outside the Godhead), and objective

(because our only point of contact with the perfect God is the perfect justice of God revealed in the Scripture.

The divine decrees are efficacious (the direct work of God); because His work always succeeds in having intended effect, the decrees actually determine all that ever was or will be. The divine decrees guarantee certainty. The foreknowledge of God makes nothing certain; it merely perceives what is certain.