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INEQUALITY IN THE DECREE

We must distinguish the decrees of God in eternity past from the action of God in time. The action of God in time is the execution of the decree. The execution is not the decree but logically follows the decree. We must make distinction between God's decrees and God's laws. The laws of divine establishment regulate human conduct –they are set up for human volition to obey. They are for all men –believers or unbelievers alike.

By protecting and perpetuating the human race, these laws give each of us a chance to be evangelized and after believing in Christ, we have the opportunity to grow and reach spiritual maturity without interference or coercion. The laws of the divine establishment can be broken by human volition, but the divine decrees cannot.

We cannot violate the divine decree because any decision we make was known in eternity past and was included in the decree. The divine decrees are the all-comprehensive will of God and are only partially revealed in Scripture, the laws of God regulate man's conduct in time and space are completely revealed.

The omniscience of God in taking cognizance of the fall of man graciously provided a plan for blessing man based on divine imputations from the justice of God. This plan of grace involves the omniscience of God providing into the divine decree seven imputations, which provides maximum blessings for mankind in time and in eternity.

The decree of God contains the historical reality regarding every human being's levels of attainment inside the plan of grace. True freedom means that some people attain all these imputations while other do not. Genuine freedom insures inequality. There is no equality in this world and there is no equality in eternity. The road to equality is the road to slavery not genuine freedom. True freedom and equality do not mix.

Non-meritorious human volition can fall short of any potential in God's plan. God knew the extent to which each individual advances in this plan in eternity past. God knew that some would remain unbelievers that others would believe but remain spiritually immature, that few would advance to spiritual maturity. Those who reach maturity receive blessings in time and greater blessings in eternity –they would glorify God and bring Him pleasure.

In obvious cases, the potential exceeds the reality. The potential is totally known to God's omniscience; only the reality is in the divine decree. Since God is perfectly righteous and just, our attainment of divine blessings is through imputation by which we also glorify God and do His pleasure. The glory of God is related to believer's advance to spiritual maturity and the resultant imputation of divine blessings. God is glorified not only in what He is but also in what He has decreed.

To the finite mind, the decrees are many, but to God, they are all one plan embracing cause and effect, means and ends. The decree includes every detail in the experience of every creature, including the minutest aspects as the number of hair in your head. In the event of

national disaster, the spiritually matured believer will be isolated and alone, yet able to do his job and live his life unto the Lord, knowing that God has not forgotten him.

The decree of God is the sovereign purpose of God, which efficaciously accomplished by God alone, apart from all creature talents, ability, mentality, counsel or cooperation. Therefore, human volition creates obvious inequality inside the plan of God, but God did not create this inequality but our human volition.