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THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DIVINE DECREE

The center of the divine decree is the glory and personal pleasure of God. The center of human history is Christ, which is the center of the universe. Anything the Members of the Trinity decide to originate is decided with two concepts in mind:

IT IS FOR THEIR PLEASURE. Our concept of pleasure is different from pleasure of God. His perfect happiness is part of His infinite character; therefore His pleasure is not impulsive, emotional or frivolous. For their own pleasure, the Trinity created the angelic hosts with perfect knowledge that some angels would revolt. For His own pleasure, God created man with free will and would share His happiness. God designed that man would become the demonstration of the fullness of God's essence to those angels who had impugned God's character.

After the fall of Adam, God's pleasure is human adjustment to the justice of God through salvation, For Christians; God's pleasure is adjustment to the justice of God through rebound and advancement toward spiritual maturity. Salvation, spirituality and spiritual maturity provide capacity for the blessings of God – it opens the windows of heaven for believers to receive what God had prepared in grace.

IT IS FOR THEIR GLORY. Everything the Trinity had decided in the eternity past and everything the Trinity decides is for their glory. God has always existed in perfect glory. Anything He does reflects His glory and results in His glorification. God does not depend on us for His pleasure or for His glory. God enjoyed His perfect glory in the eternity past when no one else existed. He is expressing them in us and toward us- we are here as part of God's pleasure and glory.

It is the pleasure of God to permit creatures to exercise free volition. We should have no illusions about ourselves. We are here not to glorify ourselves – not to impress God but to synchronize or to harmonize ourselves with His pleasure and glory.

The purpose of our existence is to glorify God NOT to claim glory and honor for ourselves. When God created Adam in His image, he was in full capacity to glorify God being without old sinful nature and personal sin. But when Adam fell into sin, he removed his capacity to glorify God. Apart from the imputed eternal life and righteousness, man has no capacity and is not in position to glorify God.

Unbelievers have no power or capacity to glorify God for several reasons: First-no amount of human good works can bring honor and praise to God. Second- the perfection of God can accept only something that satisfied His own perfection (that is His imputed righteousness in the believer). Third- we (believers) adjust to the justice of God through provision of grace (salvation, spirituality and spiritual maturity) and not through human dead good works.

Fourth- man by nature is totally depraved before God. Therefore, our redemption and justification is through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is nothing we can do to destroy or to insult the glory of God –because His glory is not dependent on human action, character, morality or decision. His glory is intact with His perfect character and is never affected by human morality or character. The most devious actions of the combined forces of all demons and wicked men cannot destroy the glory of God. The only way to glorify God is to adjust to His perfect justice through His perfect system of grace. He provided a perfect method and a perfect means to satisfy His perfect demands from imperfect men. We cannot devise our own method of glorifying God.