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## THE ORIGIN & SUBJECT OF THE DIVINE DECREE

The divine decrees unite in one all-inclusive and final objective the glory of God {Romans 11:36, Hebrews 2:10}. Since God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are infinite –the members of the Godhead are worthy of all glory. God’s glory is what He is and receiving glory is not new to the Trinity. All three Persons have always had it and always will. In eternity past, the Godhead did not need to add anything to what “They” already had –God has never suffered any kind of deficiency.

Since God is the Origin and Subject and not the object of the divine decree, the Members of the Godhead, God will inevitably be glorified by every thought, every decision and by every action in human history. The good and evil are included; sin, evil and everything will add up to the glorification of God [Psalm 76:10].

The perfect plan of God began with His glory and will end up with glory. It is never hindered, it never stops, it moves on with you or without you- no matter what you do. If a person remains unbeliever and go to hell, the glory of God will remain untarnished and uncompromised. Nothing from human reaction can tarnish the glory of God. God is glorified not only in what He is but also in what He has decreed.

The things that God causes directly and the things that permit indirectly are all in the divine decree. Since God created man with free-will volition in the soul –He therefore permits the free will to function with self-determination. Otherwise man would never have fallen. God permitted the fall –it was not His directive will but His permissive will is as much a part of the decrees as is directive will.

This is true because the decrees are human history in the eyes of God recorded in the eternity past. The sovereignty of God and the free will of man co-exist in human history. The divine decrees do not oppose human freedom. Man is free to glorify and serve God but the manner and of glorification and service is prescribed by God and not left to human free will or imagination.

Since the divine decree is the sum total of God’s plan and purpose in eternity past, it centers on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. God accomplishes the work of salvation while man gains the benefits apart from human merit or ability. Without violating human volition, God has designed a plan so perfect that it includes direction, provision, preservation, function, cause, and effect for all believers.

The perfect plan of God is consistent with human freedom. God is never unfair; He does not coerce or limit human freedom. He graciously provides guidance as to how we should use our volition. God revealed His plan in the Bible. The highest priority of the believer is the cognition, retention, and application of Bible doctrine.

**SOME THINGS GOD PERMITS, OTHER THINGS HE CAUSES.** Some things please Him, others do not –but God always recognizes reality. This is a very important aspect of our relationship with God.

Everything, which is decreed, is reality and like God, we must face the facts. Because God deals with reality, His plan must deal with things as they are. His perfect solutions start with what is and never with what is not. There is no wishful thinking in God. He never rationalizes anything. He never blesses us because of our schemes, plans, character, ideas or self-righteousness. He blesses us on the basis of His character.