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1/17/16 - The Gospel, Salvation, and Sanctification - Part
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"predestined"

from proorizo - means to predetermine, to foreordain, to mark out, to appoint beforehand; refers to pre-established boundaries, i.e. before creation; predestination is part of God's divine decree

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"to the praise of His glory"

let that sink in! The things that He does by grace through faith in you are to HIS glory, implying that He isn't going to allow YOU to alter His decree.

The Divine Decree

When the Word makes a statement about God's decree (eg: predestination of believers), it ("He" - He is the Word, remember) is speaking from His perspective, His "present tense", which is different than man's, naturally.

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Eph 3:11-12 [CEV]

God did this according to his eternal plan. And he was able to do what he had planned because of all that Christ Jesus our Lord had done. Christ now gives us courage and confidence, so that we can come to God by faith.

Perspective

Emphasis on predestination gets you thinking in absolute certainty about

salvation and sanctification.

God Saves and Sanctifies

He saves us from sin. He sanctifies us to Himself. These are two sides of the same coin...both guaranteed for the believer. Analogs are "repent and believe (receive faith)" or "confess (sin) and press on (filled with the Spirit)".

What Is Deliverance?

The front side of the coin, salvation, relates to sin...whereas the backside of the coin, sanctification, relates to righteousness. Deliverance may be thought of as the flipping of the coin in the life of a believer (a believer is delivered from sin to righteousness, from the domain of darkness to the domain of light, from death to life, etc.).

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"the eternal purpose"

refers to the Church's supreme purpose of glorifying God; we members have been predestined to partake in that activity

1Co 6:20

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1Co 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Submitting to Your Pastor

Our Lord's authority has been delegated to His under-shepherds for the sake of His sheep. It's the sheep's job to obey His authority, not challenge it. If you lose faith in it, then leave; otherwise seek guidance in humility.

1Th 4:7-8

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

Salvation Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Salvation from sin

Man's Perspective ("tenses")

- Positional (from penalty of sin)
- Experiential (from power of sin)
- Ultimate (from presence of sin)

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)

- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

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Positional Salvation ("past" tense)

God's will is to save (deliver) the whole world (Jn 3:16) from the guilt and penalty of sin; however, the gate is narrow that leads to life (Mt 7:13-14), so not all are saved. A person is positionally saved when they believe, are justified, and righteousness is imputed (judicially) to their account. (Lk 7:50; 1Co 1:18; 2Co 2:15; 2Ti 1:9)

Experiential Salvation ("present" tense)

God wills to save (deliver) His children from the power of sin by means of faith (Ps 34:17-19); however, the vestiges of sin frustrate a believer's deliverance through persistent influence (3 enemies: (flesh- Ro 7:14-25); (Satan- Jas 4:7); (world- 1Jn 5:4-5). (Jn 17:17; Ro 6:14; 8:2; Gal 5:16; Php 2:12-13)

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Ultimate Salvation ("future" tense)

God wills to save (deliver) His children from the very presence of sin for all of eternity. Salvation is consummated at the end of world/human history (Rev 19:1). Heaven will be without the presence of sin (Rev 21:22-27). (Ro 13: 11; Eph 2:5-7; Php 1:6; 1 Pe 1:3-5; 1 Jn 3:1-2)

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