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As the Grace Gospel Church Ministry begins its twenty-first doctrinal conference, on Living in God's Presence (in the Matrix) Part II, we realize that there are divergences of doctrinal views among the various traditional religious factions that are for the most part focused in time. As we expound the documentation of our doctrinal positions on the various subjects, we continue to express our sincere love for all of God's elect even those who vehemently reject our views. As we always state, it is never our aim to sow seeds of discord among God's people for we truly love the Body of Christ and would like nothing more than to see God's precious elect united. Furthermore, we truly recognize that the only thing that can unite us is the truth i.e., the nucleus of the message that was revealed to the Apostle Paul for the Grace Church, which includes complete understanding of all the tenets of salvation, as such are eternally viewed and are part of the Grace Doctrine.

From the inception of this ministry, we have prioritized studying of the doctrines of salvation. We are more than convinced that this is **our commission** because we believe that it is **God's prioritized directive to His Church.** We believe that God's people should be incited to be proficient in His word (II Timothy 2:24). We also believe that all those who so resolutely labor in the word and doctrine will at least agree that God was the sole initiator and actor who performed the tasks of having brought about the results of salvation and these acts were all structured in His Eternal Decree. To recap briefly, from the vantage-point of time, man is estranged and separated from God due to his sinful nature, thus God's eternal plan entailed "reconciliation" or "restoration" of His elect in the fellowship relation in the Body of Christ. God's procedure in Him accomplishing this was the eternal **substitutionary death of Jesus**. This met the requisite, for the only remedy for sin is the **blood of Jesus**. Our endeavor is to convey this precious truth to those of God's people who will be caused to study and hopefully concur upon these points.

God's eternal task was to justify His restoration of mankind and yet **remain just! How** God accomplished this forms the **doctrines of salvation**. **Justification** is a legal term, which basically deals with removing the "guilt" and placing selected ones who were absolutely guilty into a position of absolute innocence. God was justified in doing this, not only from the forensic view but also in the moral sense of Him having made His beloved righteous through **Imputation**. We pray that all will understand through God's word that **only deity** could have accomplished this. The removing of guilt was the exclusive result of **Jesus' sacrificial work in eternity**, as manifested on the cross of Calvary, as He died for (or because of) our sins and rose for (or because of) our justification.

OBJECTIVE

As we continue to present our dialog on various doctrinal Eternal subject matters i.e., Living in God's Presence (in the Matrix) Part !!, our focus is on the all-important questions of what our eternal relationship to God was and is and what is His designed purpose for creation and time, as it is viewed from eternity. This entails comprehension of when and/or at what point was the elect's salvation through Christ actually initiated or activated? In this endeavor, we are laboring in an area that has been and yet continues to be categorically rejected by the majority mainstream Christendom. The major points of contention unfortunately continues to be what is the origin and sphere of the actualization of all things and whether ones salvation and association with God (as well as all things) occurred when one (supposedly) made a "decision" to accept Christ or was it God's decision and undeniably, His activation of all things in the Eternal Sphere (Ephesians 1:4)?

As stated in all our earlier conferences, Eternity transcends all doctrinal positions in transition to every aspect of creative existence in documentation of answers to probing questions, i.e., 1). Are all things originated and actualized in Eternity or time? And in posturing those who insist on the sphere of time: 2). Does God make daily decisions? 3). To what extent (if any) does man's daily acts determine his destiny? 4). Do prayers actually figure into the determination of things? 5). Are human acts determinable contributions to the course of life? The distinctions of those who believe absolutely or partially, as opposed to those who robustly reject such doctrinal positions; bare consequence in the lines of demarcation, which have been staunchly drawn in Christendom. Because of such unpopular cogitations in many so-called "orthodox" religious organizations and denominations, most doctrines associated with Eternal Actualization and Foreordination receive very little attention, a distorted spin is annexed to their actual meaning or they are maligned. This happens even though there are some semblances of their terminologies in the creeds of the majority evangelical and congregational churches. Sadly, the doctrines engrained in the eternal sphere are skillfully detached from spiritual association with other truths and exhibited in exaggeration as threaten teachings to the Scriptures.

Most doctrinal teachings of Eternal Actuation and Foreordination have been maligned mostly for the purpose of softening their designs or explaining them away. However, the peculiar nature of these truths certainly demand that they should be approached strictly from their scriptural analysis and exegesis, considering both their dispensational and covenantal guidelines, as their implications are evident in all sections of the Bible. But they cannot nor should they be ignored simply because they represent to some minds, an innumerable multitude of those immutably consigned to eternal separation from God, as well as the forfeiture of mankind's control of all things in this life. But they should be thoroughly searched out in the Scriptures, reverencing the Sovereignty of God

and His Eternal agenda rather than pampering unsubstantiated presumptions and irreverent speculations regarding His eternal plan, will and purpose.

The basic end product question of these doctrinal subjects is "HAS GOD FROM ALL ETERNITY" foreordained and actualized <u>all things</u> that are manifested? If so, what evidence does the word of God offer to that effect? Also, if Eternal Actualization and Foreordination are factual, is it possible to coordinate the moral perfection and power of the plan, purpose and will of God with the so-called 'free agency' of "rational creatures"? Our prime objective is that all attendees will receive an informed enlightenment of these blessed truths and their practical daily implications.

In this regard, the central aim in this conference is to set forth documentation of the scriptural directives and instructions formulating the applications of God's predetermination and actualization of everything that comprise **His Purpose and design for Creation as well as Time from the Eternal Viewpoint**. Some of the presentations and discussions will exhibit God's sovereign and eternal workings of salvation with regard to His will as expressed in His Decree, in **predestination and providence**. The first principle in recognition is that God did not predestine and activate things because He foresaw what would be done nor consult with anyone in the formulation of His Decree but with the only one that was available in eternity, HIMSELF (Ephesians 1:11; Romans 11:34).

Unfortunately, gross ignorance is too rampant in our churches today thus we hear constant so-called "testimonies of salvation," which are not in alignment with God's Word. A vivid illustration of this is the assertion that it is **God's will to save the entire world.** It should be noted that our gospel (Grace Mystery Truth) has not been revealed to all men but to designate ones only (II Corinthians 4:3). Why? Because **God did not save all men in Eternity but only those that He chose to** and He has not revealed to us who they are. Accordingly, **our ultimate desire should simply be to always abide in alignment with the Will of God**.