

## The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught in part John 10:30-33 by way of the *Doctrine of Stones*. Before we complete the categorical study of stones, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

2. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point six below.

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Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:31 Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,

Joh 10:32 but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

Joh 10:33 "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

1. As we saw last week stones were used: to portray positive volition, warning of discipline, a capstone, a stone of rejection, to describe the twelve tribes in the ephod, a source of water and of the sealing of grace.

2. When time expired, we were about to review how stones were used as a means of capital punishment.

3. Public stoning was the method proscribed by the Mosaic Law.

4. The capital offenses were: blasphemy, murder, sabbath breaking, witchcraft, bestiality, cheating the widow or orphan, adultery, unchaste status, incest, homosexuality, rape, kidnapping, striking a parent, and incorrigible teenagers.

5. Notice the violent, ensanguined and public nature of capital punishment: the more violent the execution the greater the deterrence, thus public stoning.

6. Let's see what the Scriptures have to say about each offense as it relates to stoning.

### 6.1 Blasphemy:

Lev 24:14 "Take the blasphemer outside the camp. All those who heard him are to lay their hands on his head, and the entire assembly is to stone him.

Lev 24:15 Say to the Israelites: 'If anyone curses his God, he will be held responsible;

Lev 24:16 anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death ...

### 6.2 Murder:

Lev 24:17 If anyone murders, he must be put to death.

### 6.3 Breaking the Sabbath:

Num 15:32 While the Israelites were in the desert, a man was found gathering wood on the Sabbath day.

Num 15:33 Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and the whole assembly,

Num 15:34 and they kept him in custody, because it was not clear what should be done to him.

Num 15:35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must die. The whole assembly must stone him outside the camp."

### 6.4 Witchcraft:

Exo 22:18 "Do not allow a sorceress to live."

Lev 20:27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

### 6.5 Bestiality:

Exo 22:19 "Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal must be put to death."

### 6.6 Cheating a widow or an orphan:

Exo 22:22 "Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan.

Exo 22:23 If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry.

Exo 22:24 My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword ...

## 6.7 Adultery, Unchaste Status or Incest:

### 6.7.1 Adultery

Lev 20:10 "If a man commits adultery with another man's wife--with the wife of his neighbor--both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

### 6.7.2 Unchaste Status

Deu 22:20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:

Deu 22:21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

### 6.7.3 Incest

Lev 20:11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Lev 20:12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.

## 6.8 Homosexual experience:

Lev 20:13 "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

6.8.1 Homosexuality so glorified today as an acceptable alternative life style, is a sin like any other sin, one difference, in the Old Testament this sin was a capital offense.

Rom 1:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another...

Rom 1:26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

Rom 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men,

#### 6.9 Rape:

Deu 22:25 But if out in the country a man happens to meet a girl pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die.

#### 6.10 Kidnapping:

Exo 21:16 "Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death."

#### 6.11 Striking a parent:

Exo 21:15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

#### 6.12 The Incurable Teen:

Deu 21:18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him,

Deu 21:19 his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town.

Deu 21:20 They shall say to the elders, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a profligate and a drunkard."

Deu 21:21 Then all the men of his town shall stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid.

7. Now let's return to our study of John chapter ten.

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Joh 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Joh 10:39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

Joh 10:40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

Joh 10:41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

Joh 10:42 And many believed on him there.

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Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

Joh 10:39 Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

Joh 10:40 Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed

Joh 10:41 and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true."

Joh 10:42 And in that place many believed in Jesus.

1. I think the best way to study these verses is to review a new doctrine entitled:

### **The Son of God-The Supreme Christ**

1. Christ came to rule over every square inch of the universe. He has always been there; never was there a time when He was not supreme.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own (Israel), and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2. From what we learn from Scripture there is nothing more glorious than knowing that Christ reigns over every creature and over every power in creation.

3. So much of the Christian life is discovering and savoring the fundamental truth that everything hangs on Christ and his plan for all things. Yes the acronym is true GRACE *God Really Does Cause Everything*.

4. Much of what we stress in this local church is first discovering and then daily rediscovering and re-savoring the truth that everything hangs on Jesus Christ.

4.1 And we know that all things do indeed work together for our good.  
Rom 8:28

4.2 In this church, this pastor often speaks of a perfect prayer formula.

## **Doctrine of the Prayer Formula**

### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this doctrine is to strengthen your understanding of how powerful and successful are a believer's prayers.

2. Additionally, it should also remind each of us of the important role God the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ play in prayer.

3. There is a divine process for even the most insouciant believer. Now for the formula.

### **The Formula**

1. The Problem: "We know not about what to pray."

Rom 8:26a In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know about what to pray.

2. Problem Resolution – A Divine Prayer: The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us.

Rom 8:26b but the Spirit Himself intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

3. Divine Presentation: Christ is delighted to receive a perfect prayer from God the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:27a And Christ who searches our hearts knows the perfect mind of the Spirit.

4. Result: The Father accepts the perfect prayer and provides a perfect answer and plan thus Rom 8:28.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for the good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

5. Just as we are saved by grace, we must also live by grace and pray by grace. What is grace?

6. Grace according to Col. R. B. Thieme is all that God is free to do for you and me on the basis of the cross without in any way compromising His integrity. Jesus really did pay it all.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

7. In times like these where most American's despise God's four divine institutions; the institutions being: Volition, Marriage, Family and Nationalism, there is need for review.

## **Doctrine of the Four Divine Institutions**

### Introduction

1. The four divine institutions are volition, marriage, family and nationalism.

### **VOLITION**

Free to choose

Free to succeed

Free to fail

## **MARRIAGE**

Leave and Cleave

Husbands Love Your Wives

Wives Obey Your Very Own Husbands

## **FAMILY**

Father

Mother

Children

## **NATIONALISM**

1. Governments must implement policies which provide unfettered protection for each of these institutions if the nation is to prosper.
2. In the case of volition a nation must support freedom to succeed or fail. Freedom to succeed and freedom to fail; thus, a minimum amount of Government will maximize freedom, and promote the divine institution-of-volition.
3. If a nation wants to have stability and longevity, the nation will support marriage between a man and a woman. The man must be the leader in the home and the woman is the subordinate and help-meet.
  - 3.1 This is marriage and not “shacking-up” as has become the custom in the formative years of our baby boomers and now our millennials, a practice so common and justified under the mistaken premise that the Bible doesn’t require a piece of paper, just sincerity. Many a woman has learned sincerity was rather short lived and the lack of a “paper” has left she and her “family” in dire straits.
  - 3.2 The Bible in both the Old and the New Testament has always taught marriage. There is a New Testament word **Gamos** meaning the civil ceremony of marriage. Christ often used the analogy of Himself as the Groom and the believers of the Church Age as the Bride of Christ.



Psa 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Psa 128:4 Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

4. Family is the basic unit in the Scripture going back as far as the period of the Patriarchs when the family head was to teach the members of the family. It was his job to see to it that the family attended first the service at the Tabernacle, and later the Temple and then much later the Synagogue. The family is the fabric upon which the ensign of civility is woven.

4.1 The man is to lead and support the woman and the two of them are to demand obedience from the children and the children are to be disciplined: "For what Father does not discipline his children" says the Scripture.

Pro 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.

5. The fourth divine institution, nationalism is a foundation upon which good limited government should be built.

5.1 Believers living in this country should love and support the United States of America and desire its prosperity with undying loyalty. We must show no loyalty to any other organization be it the United Nations or some foreign power.

5.2 We also however should want other people in other nations to love their country with a nationalistic fervor.

5.3 Bible believing Americans should want other nations to be independent and prosperous but never at the expense of the United States of America. We must never give up our borders or our sovereignty.

5.4 This is God's program and God's plan and remember Isa 14:12 tells us it is Satan who weakens the nations.

5.5 Satan's first impotent attempt at internationalism was the tower of Babel. Politicians have ever since devised schemes to usurp nationalism.

5.5.1 All such attempts were wrapped in the “noblest” of blankets and given euphemistic names such as: League of Nations, United Nations, Unicef, World Health Organization etc. ad nauseum.

5.6 Proponents of internationalism have deluded themselves into believing that by uniting as one they could eliminate wars. It was General Patton who noticed that mad men, like criminals don't follow either international or national laws. I believe it was Patten who said: “we will always have wars because the world has no shortage of mad men.”

6. Let me again give you a listing of each institution with comment and Scripture.

6.1 **Volition:** This institution was promulgated in the garden as the mechanism for resolving the Angelic Conflict. God could have made us all believers but He didn't.

Joh 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Acts 16:31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Eph 2:9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

6.2 **Marriage:** This institution is designed to protect the weaker vessel and the children of the marriage.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Psa 128:3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table.

Heb 13:4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

**6.3 Family:** The family is an organization and the husband is the Chairman of the Board and the wife is the President and Chief Operating Officer. Children are precious assets worthy of discipline, training, love and protection.

Deu 6:6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Deu 6:7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

1Ti 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1Ti 5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

**6.4 Nationalism:** It is an institution provided by God to protect people within certain geographical boundaries. According to the Scriptures the borders were uniquely established for the needs of Israel.

Gen 10:5 By these were the borders of the nations divided in their lands; everyone after his tongue after families in their nations.

Gen 11:5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

Gen 11:6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who weakened the nations!

Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.

7. Let's see how the Divine Institutions relate to God's Divine Decrees.

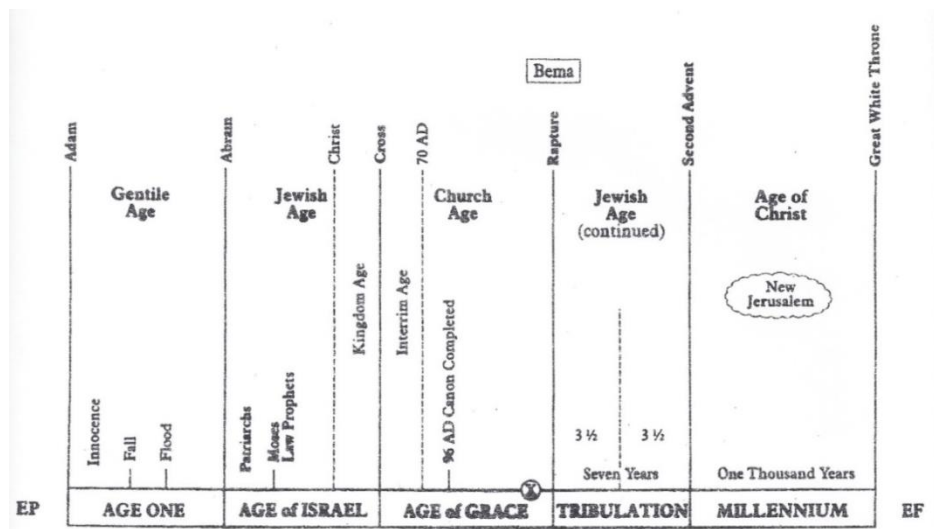
7.1 The Divine Decrees represent the sum total of God's plan designed in eternity past. The plan centers on the person of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7.2 God in His Omniscience has seen all of our thoughts, actions, choices, and deeds; and then determined a perfect plan for our lives. Because He has seen the time line and our choices He was able to develop a perfect plan for each believer.



Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

7.3 Entrance into the plan is based on the principle of grace whereby the sovereignty of God and the free will of man meet at the cross.

7.3.1 The work is accomplished by God, while man gains and enjoys the benefits apart from his own merit or ability.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

7.4 God's plan was designed in eternity past, so as to include all events and actions related to their causes and conditions as a part of an indivisible system, every link being a part of the integrity of the whole.

7.5 There's a whole plan for the believer's life.

7.6 One failure or one success never changes the plan; God is greater than our failures or successes.

7.7 Without interfering with human volition in any way, God has designed a plan so perfect that it includes cause and effect, directive, provision, preservation and function for all believers.

7.8 God knew every cause and effect in our lives and made provision in eternity past.

7.9 Under His plan, God has decreed to do some things directly, and some through agencies such as Israel and the Church, and some through individuals. The divine decrees constitute one great, all comprehensive plan - perfect, eternal, unchangeable and without loss of integrity.

7.10 The plan of God is consistent with human freedom and God does not limit or coerce human freedom. God permits human volition to function; for example, He permits man to choose to sin but this does not make Him the Author of sin.

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