

The Gospel According to John

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1. Earlier I taught, the *Doctrine of the Kingdom of God, the Doctrine of Divorce, the Doctrine of Christ the Bridegroom the Church the Bride, the Doctrine of the Prayer Formula and the Doctrine of the Son of God-The Supreme Christ.*"

2. When time "expired" we were in the process of studying Joh 4:20-26 by way of the *Doctrine of the Four Divine Institutions.*

3. Before returning where we left off last week, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page two.

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Joh 4:20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Joh 4:21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

Joh 4:22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

Joh 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Joh 4:24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Joh 4:25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Joh 4:26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

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

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

3. 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.

3.1 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; 1Th 5:19

3.2 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.

3.3 The work is accomplished by God, while man gains and enjoys the benefits apart from his own merit or ability. Eph 2:8-9

3.4 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.

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

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

3.7 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.

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

3.9 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.

3.10 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.

3.11 In His sovereignty He chose to provide a solution for sin. God has seen the beginning and the end and He provided a perfect divine decree for you and for me.

3.12 Since we are part of His divine decrees, we can find comfort in knowing that God after knowing all the facts about us, determined and implemented a perfect plan for time and eternity.

3.13 This is especially comforting when we realize it was all done in eternity past.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

4. Now let's see how both the Divine Institutions and Divine Decrees relate to God's established authority realms.

Word of God

Pastor of the Local Church

Various Secular Authorities

Family

Government

Business

Academia

Athletics

Military

AUTHORITY REALMS

1. Authority is the legal power delegated by God.
2. People are by definition subordinated to other people for the proper functioning of establishment.
3. Authority is ordained of God both in the spiritual as well as the secular realm.
4. God, early on, established an organization chart. For example:
 - 4.1 Father over Jesus and the Holy Spirit
 - 4.2 Jesus over all things

4.3 Husband over the wife

4.4 Parents over children

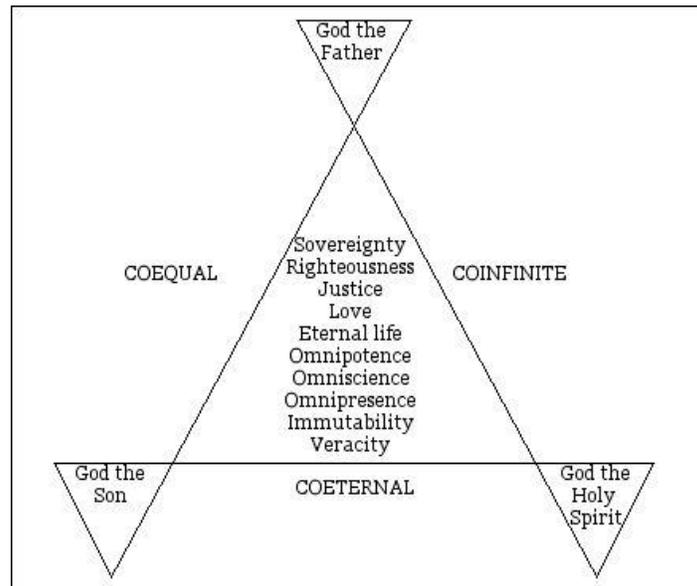
4.5 Bosses over employees

4.6 Government over citizens

4.7 Teachers over students

5. The principle of authority is inherent in the Plan of God.

5.1 A coequal, coinfinite and coeternal Jesus and Holy Spirit agreed to get under the authority of the Father. As deity they shared the triune nature of equality, however, in time Jesus and the Holy Spirit accepted temporal limitations.



5.2 The Father developed the plan of propitiation and reconciliation, Christ agreed to execute the plan and the Holy Spirit agreed to reveal the plan.

Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Isa 48:17 This is what the LORD says--your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Joh 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

5.3 The principle of authority is clearly seen in the garden. The woman failed by refusing the authority of the Word and then the authority of the husband and was thus mentally seduced. Adam chose to eat the fruit.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

Gen 3:3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

1Ti 2:11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

1Ti 2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

6. God has established authorities to permit the proper functioning of His plan in the devil's world:

6.1 The Word of God

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Deu 11:26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—

Deu 11:27 the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today;

Deu 11:28 the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

1Sa 15:22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Pro 28:9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Phi 2:5 Your thinking should be the same as that of Christ Jesus so let His mind be in you.

1Co 2:16 For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

6.2 The pastor-teacher in the local church

Heb 10:25 Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Expanded Translation

1Pe 5:5 In the same way you novices in Scripture place yourselves under orders of your pastor-teacher. Yes, every believer must submit to his or her right pastor-teacher and metabolize the teachings of your God appointed instructor; it must be done with humility for God places Himself in battle array against the arrogant, unteachable types. In contrast, He keeps on providing grace benefits to those who desire the Word of God.

Authority Summary

1. The pastor-teacher is over the local Church.

1Th 5:12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.

1Th 5:13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

2. The wife must submit to the authority of the husband.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1Pe 3:5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,

3. Believers must submit to governmental authority.

Tit 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,

1Pe 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority,

1Pe 2:14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

4. Employees must submit to the authority of their employers:

1Pe 2:18 Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

Col 3:22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

5. Children must submit to their parents.

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph 6:2 "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise—

6. Both fallen and elect angels are under the authority of Jesus Christ.

Mar 1:27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

1Pe 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

7. It is so good to know Christ rules the cosmos and including each and every life thought and action.

8. We must know the supremacy of His wisdom, which has never been perplexed by any problem whatsoever, nor can He be counseled by any person or any being in the universe.

8.1 We must know the supremacy of his authority. Mat 28:18

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Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

9. It is Christ Who changes times and seasons, removes kings and sets up kings; does according to His will in the Host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth.

10. No one can stay his hand and say, "What have you done?"

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Dan 2:21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Dan 2:22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

Dan 2:23 I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king."

Dan 2:24 Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." ...

Dan 2:29 "As you were lying there, O king, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.

Dan 2:30 As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

Dan 2:31 "You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue -- an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.

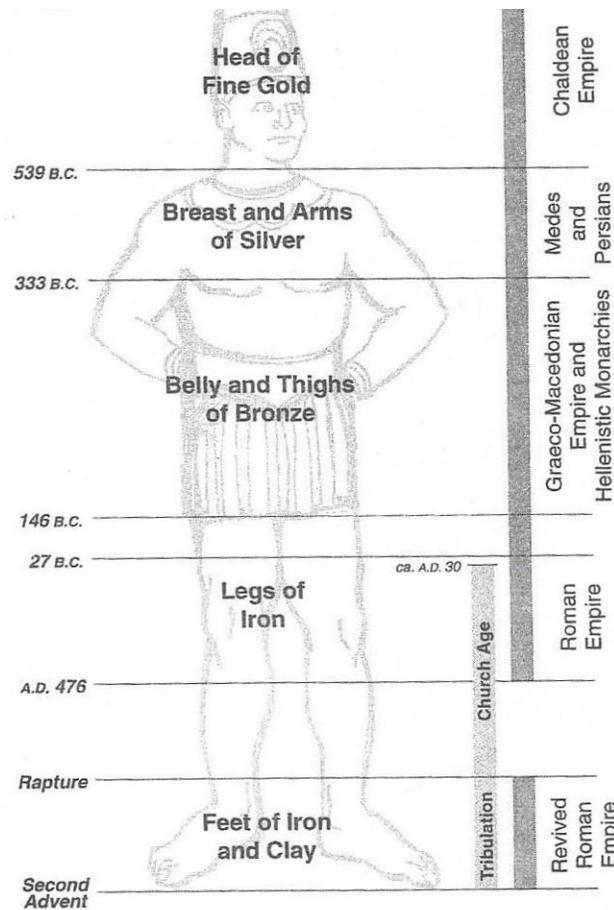
Dan 2:32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

Dan 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

Dan 2:34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth ... *Let's take a look at the giant statue of gold:*

Dan 2:36 "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE

Dan 2:37 You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory;

Dan 2:38 in your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

Medo-Persia and Greece

Dan 2:39 "After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.

Rome

Dan 2:40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron -- for iron breaks and smashes everything -- and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.

Dan 2:41 Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay.

Dan 2:42 As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

Dan 2:43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.

The Divine Kingdom

Dan 2:44 "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Dan 2:45 This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands -- a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

Dan 4:36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.

Dan 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

11. We must know the supremacy of His providence, without which not a single bird in the extended reaches of the Amazon forest have ever fallen off any limb, and not a single hair of any head turns grey or as in my case falls away.

12. We must know the supremacy of His word. Isa 55:11; Heb 1:3

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Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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Heb 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Heb 1:4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

Heb 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Heb 1:8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Heb 1:10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Heb 1:11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

Heb 1:12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

Heb 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

13. We must know the supremacy of His purity. He never sinned. He never had one millisecond of a bad attitude or a sinful lust.

14. We must know the supremacy of His trustworthiness—that He always keeps His word, absolutely, without fail—and the supremacy of His justice; He will render all accounts settled in the universe, either on the cross or in hell