

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

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ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

The Abrahamic covenant is the grace, unconditional covenant (agreement) between God as party of the first part in favor of Abraham and his progeny (all born-again Jews) as party of the second part. Since the covenant is given by means of the justice of God it cannot be broken. It promises land (Palestinian covenant), **Gen 12:1, 13:14**, a king from Abraham's line (Davidic covenant), **Gen 17:5**, and a thousand year reign of peace (New covenant), **Jer 31:31-34**, under the King who is Jesus Christ.

ADAM'S ORIGINAL SIN

Adam's original sin was disobedience to God's mandate in the Garden of Eden which was to not eat from the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam acted independently of God and ate the fruit, which resulted in his spiritual death (separation from God). Consequently Adam's corrupt nature (See SIN NATURE) is passed on to every member of the human race through his genetic seed and also spiritual death when Adam's original sin is imputed to every member of the human race at the moment of birth.

ADJUSTMENT TO THE JUSTICE OF GOD

The essence of God is made up of His ten attributes (see DIVINE ESSENCE), which includes justice. The justice of God is His point of contact with the human race after the fall. Therefore, all blessing and discipline directed toward mankind is filtered through His

justice, which will always be satisfied. Adjustment to this justice means that the free will of the believer or unbeliever has lined up with the sovereign will of God.

ADOPTION

The Biblical connotation of adoption is based on the Roman aristocratic function of adoption that existed during the time of the writing of the New Testament. This adoption was nothing like our modern rules for adoption for in ancient times it was an adult son that was adopted. Therefore, in the word of God, adoption means every person becomes an adult son of God in position at the moment of salvation. And just like Roman adoption meant blessing and promotion for the recipient God imputes 40 grace gifts to every adopted son at the moment they believe in Christ for eternal life. As each adopted son is in union with Christ, we are joint-heirs with Christ, and have received in escrow all that Christ has.

A FORTIORI

A fortiori is a Latin phrase meaning “with stronger reason or more convincing force.” This system of logic is used in drawing a conclusion that is inferred to be even more certain than another. For example, if God would give the greatest, His Son, how much more will He give the lesser, blessings in this life, **Rom 8:32?**

AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

The age of accountability is the point at which a person becomes conscious of God and able to understand the Gospel. There is no set age of accountability. It will be different for each person depending on factors such as environment, rate of development, etc. See **GOD CONSCIOUSNESS**

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

All believers are made ambassadors for Christ at the moment of salvation, which means that they represent Him on this earth. At the moment of salvation every believer is made a citizen of heaven, **Phi 3:20**, and therefore is called to represent his King, Jesus Christ, in

the foreign country that is the earth. An ambassador for Christ is the believer as a personal representative for the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

ANGELIC CONFLICT

The angelic conflict is the result of prehistoric creatures being in opposition to God, which began with the fall of Satan and continued until all angelic creatures had made a decision for or against God. It refers to the two trials of Satan and fallen angels, one in prehistoric times, the other during human history, **Mat 25:41**, and **Rev 20:10**.

ANGELOLOGY

Angelology is the study of both elect and fallen angels.

ANTHROPOPATHISM

An anthropopathism ascribes a human characteristic to God, which God does not actually possess, and one that is not a divine attribute, for example: hate, or repentance. The purpose of an anthropopathism is to explain a divine policy to man in terms of man's finite frame of reference.

ANTHROPOMORPHISM

Through language of accommodation in the Bible an anthropomorphism ascribes to God human physical characteristics that He does not possess, for example: hands, or eyes. This is used as a teaching device in order for man to understand God's divine policy, character, and function on man's own finite level of understanding.

ANTI-SEMITISM

Anti-Semitism is the function of a person, a group, an organization, or a nation which is hostile to the Jews. Anti-Semitism is evil and is prohibited in the word of God.

APOSTASY

Apostasy is a term used for the falling away from the faith, which is the system of belief arrived at through the perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine, **2Th 2:3**.

AREA OF STRENGTH

The area of strength is that part of the old sin nature that generates human good or dead works. Every member of the human race possesses an area of strength, yet God forbids its function in the believer. See HUMAN GOOD

AREA OF WEAKNESS

The area of the sin nature that tempts the believer to sin is his area of weakness. Every believer has an area of weakness that continually tempts him. However, temptation becomes sin only when the believer's volition acquiesces to the temptation.

ASCENSION AND SESSION

The ascension is that doctrine of Christology pertaining to the transfer of our Lord's true humanity from planet earth to the third heaven in a resurrection body. The session is that doctrine of Christology pertaining to the glorification of our Lord's humanity at the right hand of the Father. These definitions presume your understanding of the Hypostatic Union. See HYPOSTATIC UNION

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

There are ten individual qualities or characteristics that make up God's attributes and are intrinsic to the essence of God. See DIVINE ESSENCE

BAPTISM OF FIRE

The baptism of fire is defined as the judgment of the Tribulational unbelievers at the Second Advent of Christ. Both Jews and Gentiles who are unbelievers at the end of the Tribulation are removed from the earth and placed in Torments, a compartment of Hades, for 1,000 years until the Last Judgment, **Mat 3:11-12, Luk 3:16, Mat 24:40-**

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BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of seven salvation ministries by God the Holy Spirit. At the moment of salvation the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by means of His omnipotence enters the believer into union with Christ, making the Church-age believer a part of the royal family of God forever.

BLOOD OF CHRIST

While our Lord did some bleeding on the cross, He didn't bleed to death, nor does His literal human blood have anything to do with the phrase found throughout the New Testament, "the blood of Christ." Even Greek lexicons recognize this principle when defining the word haima, the Greek word for blood. The Arndt and Gingrich, Greek-English Lexicon, page 22, under haima in the paragraph describing the figurative use of the blood of Christ, says, "blood and life as an expiatory sacrifice; especially the blood of Jesus as the means of expiation." The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, edited by Gerhard Kittel, Vol I, page 175, "the ideas which the New Testament links with the blood of Christ, since the latter (New Testament), is simply a pregnant verbal symbol of the saving work of Christ." Since the symbolism of the blood is death, two categories of death experienced by Christ on the cross are examined in this doctrine. His somatic death refers to what happened to His literal blood; His spiritual death refers to what happened to His figurative blood. The somatic death of Christ looks forward to the resurrection, whereas the spiritual death of Christ looks back to our sins and spiritual death. It is His figurative blood that has to do with salvation.

BLACKOUT OF THE SOUL

Blackout of the soul is a deep stage of reversionism which is the status of the believer with negative volition to doctrine, and it results in his complete involvement in the cosmic system.

BODY OF CHRIST

The phrase "body of Christ" is used to designate all Church-age believers in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Head and every member of the Church composes His body, **Rom 12:4-5; 1Co 12:12-27**.

BOOK OF LIFE

The book of life is one thing in time and something different in eternity. It is a registry containing the names of every member of the human race in time. In eternity, it is the registry of all believers. When a person dies as an unbeliever, his name is removed from the book of life. Therefore, in eternity only the names of believers are in the book of life, **Phi 4:3, Rev 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12,15, 21:7**. In eternity, this book also contains the new title of royalty for each mature believer.

CANONICITY

Canonicity refers to the books of the Bible that were divinely inspired and officially recognized as the Holy Scripture.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Capital punishment is the maximum use of jurisprudence under the laws of divine establishment. Capital punishment must be preceded by trial authorized from the judicial function of government. There must be an objective judge who can look clearly at true evidence; heresy and prejudice are rejected. When evidence points to a crime truly committed, there must be punishment such that the criminal suffers in dying, and others must see this for the purpose of restraint.

CARNALITY

The state of which the old sin nature controls the soul of the believer thereby grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit. This control over the soul is allowed through the free-will volitional decision of the believer. Carnality is broken and spirituality is restored by use of the rebound technique, **1Jo 1:9**.

CHAIN SINNING

Chain sinning is sin compounded by the feeling of guilt or condemnation, which are sins in themselves and result in further sin. Chain sinning is broken by use of the rebound technique, **1Jo 1:9**.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVISM

There is a tremendous emphasis among evangelical Christians today to enter into activism, which is the practice of social and political engineering. This arrogance manifests the fact that most Christians don't have a clue about the Christian way of life. Christian involvement in vigorous and often illegal activity to achieve political goals is another manifestation of this arrogance. It is a function of Satan's system of evil for Christians to intrude into the privacy of others, or to violate the constitutional rights of other people.

CHRISTIAN DEGENERACY

Christian degeneracy is the decline to false or inferior standards, accompanied by loss of integrity and sinking into the subnormal status of fragmentation and reversionism. Degeneracy is the process of passing from the higher to the lower, to decline progressively.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Civil disobedience refers to the action of arrogance perpetuated against the laws of divine establishment. God sets up these principles of law for the protection, orderly function, survival and perpetuation of the human race during the period of the angelic conflict.

CLIENT NATION

A client nation is a national entity under the principle of divine institution number four, nationalism. The client nation is sustained by a pivot of mature believers and is responsible for the custodianship of the Word of God and is the base of most of the world's missionary activity. At any given period in human history there is only one client nation unto God.

COMMON GRACE

Common grace is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit acting as a human spirit to make the Gospel clear, perspicuous, and understandable to the unbeliever who is spiritually dead and therefore unable to understand the things of God.

COSMIC ONE

Cosmic one consists of grieving the Spirit. In Cosmic one the believer becomes involved with sin or preoccupation with self, which is the arrogance complex of sins, hence exiting the predesigned plan of God (PPOG). Once in cosmic one believers only need rebound, **1Jo 1:9**, to get back in fellowship with God.

COSMIC TWO

Cosmic two consists of quenching the Spirit. This is man's exit from the predesigned plan of God by way of antagonism toward God and the plan of God. Cosmic two entails more than sin per se in that it moves into evil. Evil is more than sin; it is a system of thought based on disputes, rejection and contradiction to the Word of God. Evil attempts to frustrate the grace policy of God. This "human viewpoint" takes more than mere rebound to re-enter fellowship with God, it requires recovery as well. Recovery is the cleansing of the mind through consistent perception, metabolization and application of the accurate teaching of the Word of God.

COSMIC SYSTEM

The phrase the cosmic system involves both cosmic one and cosmic two and entails the overall objective of Satan in using mankind to prove his superiority over God. The cosmic system is the devil's multifaceted policy for achieving his goal by way of human viewpoint projected through the world system. The cosmic system refers to the Greek work kosmos. Satan is king of the world and its cosmic system.

COVENANTS

Covenants are a pact or agreement between two people that binds them mutually to an undertaking on each other's behalf.

Theologically, it is used on behalf of relations between God and man and denotes a gracious undertaking on God's part for the benefit and blessing of mankind. Covenants can be conditional or unconditional. Unconditional covenants are made by God and do not depend on anything in man. Conditional covenants are also made by God but their outcome is based on the positive volition of man. Covenants are specifically designed for those who by faith receive the promises of God and commit themselves to the obligations, which conditional covenants involve.

CURRENT POSITIONAL TRUTH

Current positional truth is identification with Christ as He is seated at the right hand of God the Father in His resurrection, ascension, and session. Identification with His spiritual death means rejection of human good and evil. Identification with His physical death means separation from human good and evil. Identification with His burial means divorce from human good and evil.

DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is eternal God possessing all the attributes of Deity. As a member of the Trinity, He always existed. There never was a time when He did not exist. Since eternity past He is coequal and co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, **Col 1:15** and **Heb 1:3**. At His incarnation He still had the same functions of Deity, but laid aside the independent use of Deity when He became true humanity (see **KENOSIS**). Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ is unique.

DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is eternal God possessing all the attributes of deity. Passages that reveal the Deity of the Holy Spirit as being coequal, co-eternal, and co-infinite with God the Son and God the Father are, **2Co 13:14**, **Act 5:3-4**, **Mat 28:19**, **Act 2:38**.

DEMON INFLUENCE

Demon influence is the corruption of the soul and personality of the believer or unbeliever by the thought transference of demon doctrines or demonic systems of thinking. The believer who resides in Satan's cosmic system will fall under demon influence but as a temple of the living God he can never be demon possessed. There are degrees of demon influence, which depends on the length of time that the believer resides in the cosmic system without the use of rebound.

DEMON POSSESSION

Demon possession is defined as demon invasion of the body, which can only happen to the unbeliever since the believer possesses the indwelling of the Trinity. The demon or demons reside within the body of the unbeliever for a period of time as is determined by their commander Satan. The solution to demon possession lies with the One who has ultimate authority over demons, the Lord Jesus Christ, which is to believe on Him for eternal life. At the moment of faith in Christ the new believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit, becomes the temple of the living God, and can never be possessed by demons again.

DICHOTOMOUS

Dichotomous is the state of unregenerate mankind whose being consists of two component parts, which are body and soul. A third component that is imputed to the regenerate believer that the unbeliever lacks in a human spirit.

DISPENSATIONS

A dispensation is a period of time in human history expressed in terms of divine revelation. The inerrancy of the Word of God is the source for looking at history from the divine viewpoint. Therefore, dispensation is a technical theological term used primarily by the apostle Paul in the presentation of the mystery doctrine of this Church-age. Dispensations are divine categories of human history; therefore, both the divine outline and the divine interpretation of human history. There are many interpretations of history, but the

only accurate interpretation is dispensational. Dispensations are the vehicle by which believers living at a specific time in history can orient to God's will, plan, and purpose for their lives. God's plan is not the same for every dispensation. In fact, the plan is quite different in each dispensation. The most difficult and subtle plan to learn by a believer is the predesigned plan of God for the Church-age. Old Testament believers were under the ritual plan of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ was under the incarnation plan of God. A dispensation is defined traditionally as a period of time during which a particular revelation of God's mind and God's will is operative, and during which man is tested as to his obedience to that specific manifestation of God's will, purpose, and plan. The believer's orientation to both time and to human history is vitally necessary for understanding God's plan and God's purpose.

DIVINE DECREE

The decree of God is His eternal, holy, wise, and sovereign purpose, comprehending simultaneously all things that ever were or will be in their causes, conditions, successions, relations, and determining the certainty of their future. God determined this program of angelic and human history in eternity past. By divine decree the free will of mankind and the Sovereign will of God co-exist in human history. Therefore, the divine decree of God never includes His violation of human free will. God's permissive will allows things to happen that are against His directive will, like sin for instance, and His omniscience in eternity past both saw it and allowed it.

DIVINE DISCIPLINE

Divine discipline is the sum total of punitive action taken by the justice of God in grace to correct, to punish, to encourage, to train, and to motivate the believer's free will to line up with the plan of God for all dispensations. Therefore, divine discipline is distinguished from divine judgment, in that discipline is for believers only, but judgment is directed toward all categories of the human race and angels under certain circumstances. Divine discipline comes in three categories that increase in intensity; these are warning discipline, intensive discipline, and dying discipline.

DIVINE ESSENCE

Essence is derived from the Attic Greek adjective ousia. The Doric Greek used a similar word, essia from which the Latin word for essence, esse, came from. Ousia and essia mean that which is one's own, a substance that belongs to one person, a substance being the inner nature, the qualities or attributes of a person. Essence is defined as the basic constituent of a thing, the intrinsic nature of something. Essence is defined as that in being which underlies all outward manifestations and is both permanent and unchangeable; it is the existence or actual being. Essence implies both being and identity. Essence refers to the qualities or attributes of God that are perfect and eternal, which include His love, justice, righteousness, veracity, eternal life, immutability, sovereignty, omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.

DIVINE ESTABLISHMENT

God has ordained certain laws for the survival and freedom of the human race during the course of human history. Anarchy exists when segments of nations ignore these laws. The laws of divine establishment provide the freedom to fulfill the divine plan as ordained in the divine decrees under many types of government. The laws of divine establishment are designed and directed toward both believer and unbeliever. They operate from the fall of man to the Second Advent, as well as in the Millennium with some modifications in compatibility with perfect environment. There are four areas to God's divine establishment, all of which are oriented to a system of authority: 1) volition (authority over one's own soul), 2) marriage (authority of the husband over the wife), 3) family (authority of the parents over the children), 4) nationalism (authority of the government over the citizens).

DIVINE GOOD

The Greek word agathos refers to Christian service or deeds performed by the believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit, directed by the truth of the word of God, and motivated by love for God. It is only such deeds that are accepted by God and rewarded at the

judgment seat of Christ. All else accomplished apart from the filling of the Spirit and the word of God is human good performed under human power and it is evil and worthless to God, **Isa 64:6**.

DIVINE VIEWPOINT

Divine viewpoint is the very thinking of Christ. Once the believer accepts the finished work of Christ on the Cross, he is to renovate his thinking through the inculcation of Bible doctrine, **Rom 12:2**. We are to acquire the mind of Christ through our daily intake of Bible doctrine, **1Co 2:16**, and operate in the plan of God by application of His thinking. In this way we are functioning in every facet of life with divine viewpoint, or the thinking of God.

DYING GRACE

Dying grace is defined as the death of the mature believer who anticipates seeing his Lord face to face, thus it is the dessert of life. It is the experience of physical death under special provision of grace whereby the believer involved experiences both great blessing and happiness while experiencing the dying process. Dying grace can occur regardless of the amount of pain and suffering while dying. There could be maximum pain or a minimum of pain, but in either case there is maximum happiness and soul stimulation, **Phi 1:21**.

EDIFICATION COMPLEX OF THE SOUL

The edification complex of the soul is technical nomenclature found in the epistles of the New Testament for the attainment of the various stages of spiritual growth. As doctrines are accumulated by the daily perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine, a structure is being built in the soul. The foundation of the edification complex is Christ and the various floors that are built upon Him include grace orientation, mastery of the details of life, relaxed mental attitude, capacity to love in all three categories, and the penthouse, which is sharing the happiness of God, **Eph 4:14-16**.

EFFICACIOUS GRACE

Efficacious grace is the ministry of God the Holy Spirit in making

the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ of the spiritually dead person effective for eternal salvation. Efficacious grace emphasizes the total helplessness of the spiritually dead person. No matter what a spiritually dead person can do, it is not salvation. Salvation is accomplished by faith alone in Christ alone, the one thing that God the Holy Spirit can make effective, **2Co 6:1-2**.

ELECTION

Election is the expression of the sovereign will of God in eternity past in which He elected every person who would believe in Jesus Christ to, not only eternal life, but also tremendous blessing and privilege, **Eph 1:4**. By means of God's infinite grace every believer has been elected to equal privilege and equal opportunity. This means that every believer, regardless of genetics or environment, has every ability to receive his or her escrow blessings (see ESCROW) and glorify God to the maximum.

ESCROW

An escrow is a written agreement entered into by three parties, the obligor, the obligee, and the depository, for the transfer of certain benefits. The sealed agreement of the obligor, generally accompanied by the deed, bond, or chattel to be conveyed, is made contingent on some future happening or on the performance of some act by the obligee, and is delivered to the depository and held by him pending the occurrence of that event or the performance of the required act by the obligee. When the event has taken place or the obligee has performed the specified act, the depository delivers to him the agreement and the deposit is held. The depository or custodian is allowed no discretion, but must follow strictly the terms of the agreement as it concerns the other two parties. There is an eternal escrow and there are three parties in that escrow. The obligor is God the Father, who has placed Himself under legal obligation in eternity past to provide two categories of special and unusual blessings, both temporal and eternal, for the obligee, which is every Church-age believer. The depository or custodian is God the Son. In eternity past, both categories of blessings were deposited with our Lord Jesus Christ in escrow, pending the obligee's fulfillment of the

conditions of the escrow, which is executing the predesigned plan of God with the resultant advance to spiritual maturity. Once this obligation is met, the Lord Jesus Christ will convey the believer's escrow blessings.

ESCROW BLESSINGS

Escrow blessings are infinitely superior to all other categories of divine blessings for both time and eternity. There are no external set of circumstances that can hinder the conveyance of your escrow blessings in time, when you fulfill the conditions of the escrow (see ESCROW). You will receive your escrow blessings as an adult believer even if the rest of the nation is falling apart around you. Escrow blessings are a metaphor designed to explain the ultimate blessings available to every Christian in time and eternity.

ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal life is a grace gift received at the moment of salvation in which God imputes His own life to every believer that we may live forever with Him.

ETERNAL SECURITY

Eternal security means that a believer is saved at the moment of faith in Christ and that salvation can never, ever be taken away. At the moment of salvation God imputes His absolute righteousness to every believer and declares him righteous or justified, **Rom 3:21-28**. If God excluded from eternal salvation anyone who possesses God's own righteousness, He would have to deny Himself and contradict His own pronouncement of justification. Therefore, once saved always saved; our salvation is as strong as the essence of God Himself!

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the spreading of the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scripture, and that as the reigning Lord He now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life to all who

would simply believe on Him!

EVIDENCE TESTING

Evidence testing is Satan's cross-examination of every witness presented by God in the historical trial of all fallen angels. Only mature believers have the capacity to be presented as witnesses. In human history, man's thoughts, motives, decisions, and actions are entered as evidence, exhibits, precedents, and arguments in Satan's appeal trial. Every believer who attains spiritual maturity is an argument or witness for the Prosecution against Satan.

EVIL

Evil is the policy of Satan as the ruler of this world. Evil is the modus operandi (method of operation) of Satan from the time of his fall throughout the angelic revolution and down to the point when he became the ruler of the world. Evil is Satan's failure to produce a system of good in mankind and society that would bring in a pseudo-millennium. Evil is Satan's system by which he administers the rulership of this world. Satan cannot restrain sin; therefore, he parlays human good into sin and evil.

EXPIATION

Expiation refers to all the doctrines that make up the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

FAITH

A non-meritorious system of perception based on confident trust in the authority and veracity of God, Jehovah Elohim, the Lord God!

FAITH-REST DRILL

The faith-rest drill is one of the ten problem solving devices of the predesigned plan of God for the Church. There are three categories related to the faith-rest drill: claiming God's promises (faith mechanics), applying a doctrinal rationale to support the promise (faith functions), and resting in the Lord by leaving the problem in

the Supreme Court of Heaven (faith execution). The faith-rest drill is that problem solving device used by believers in all dispensations for carrying and using the shield of faith.

FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The filling of the Holy Spirit is the status quo of the believer when God the Holy Spirit controls his soul thus making him 100% spiritual, **Eph 5:18**. To make it from salvation to spiritual maturity requires the filling of the Holy Spirit and the daily intake of Bible doctrine. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells the body of the believer permanently, **Joh 14:16; 1Co 3:16**. Because the body is the headquarters of the old sin nature, the Holy Spirit sets up His headquarters in the body for counteraction. But while the indwelling of the Spirit is permanent the filling of the Spirit is temporary. We lose the filling of the Spirit when we personally sin, whether willfully, unintentionally, knowingly or ignorantly. However, God has provided the problem solving device of rebound so that we can instantly regain the filling of the Holy Spirit, **1Joh 1:9**. When we name and cite our known sins to God we are instantly filled with the Spirit and 100% spiritual. Since the battlefield for the believer is in the soul it is vital that we use the rebound technique to give the Holy Spirit control of the soul whereby He may influence, control and mentor us.

FIVE CYCLES OF DISCIPLINE

God administers discipline to His client nation when the pivot of mature believers begins to dramatically shrink through negative volition towards doctrine. He does this in five stages or cycles of discipline as found in **Lev 26**. At any stage there can be recovery through rebound and a change of heart towards positive volition of Bible doctrine at which time God will remove His discipline.

1. Loss of health, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror, fear and death in combat, loss of personal freedoms due to negative volition toward Bible doctrine, **Lev 26:14-17**.
2. Economic recession and depression, increased personal and

individual discipline for continued negative attitude in spite of the first warning, **Lev 26:18-20**.

3. Violence and breakdown of law and order, resulting in cities being broken up, **Lev 26:21-22**.

4. Military conquest and/or foreign occupation, scarcity of goods (reduced to one-tenth of the normal supply), and the breaking up of families, **Lev 26:23-26**.

5. Destruction of a nation due to maximum rejection of Biblical principles, **Lev 26:27-39**.

FLAWS

Every member of the human race is born in sin and spiritual death and therefore has flaws. Distinction must be made between genetic and environmental handicaps and flaws. Genetic flaws are the weaknesses with which we are born because of the old sin nature in the cell structure of the body. Environmental flaws are those that we acquire. The acquisition of genetic handicaps and flaws do not involve human volition since they are inherited. In environmental handicaps or flaws, human volition is involved. However, volition is the key to either operating under or overcoming any flaw that has been acquired in a believer's lifetime. Positive volition towards doctrine will overcome any flaw, no matter what its source.

FLOT

"FLOT" is a military acronym for the forward line of troops. The FLOT for every believer are the ten problem solving devices that surround his soul. In the Christian way of life adversity is inevitable but stress is optional. When the believer uses the proper problem solving device(s) to handle adversity he is essentially deploying his FLOT on the front lines of his soul and preventing the adversity from penetrating the soul and becoming stress. Failure to use the problem solving devices results in adversity becoming stress in the soul. Deploying the forward line of troops is a defensive strategy. The Church Age believer must know when to use offensive action

and when to use defensive action in the Christian way of life. Against Satan and all fallen angels, the divine commands call for defensive action.

FOREKNOWLEDGE

Foreknowledge is an aspect of God's omniscience in which all things, past, present, future, eternal, material, intellectual, spiritual, and actual are known by Him! His foreknowledge simultaneously knows every situation as well as every actual decision made by all His people!

FORTY THINGS

In this dispensation only, God has provided forty things for the believer at the moment of faith in Christ. These are grace gifts from God imputed to the believer at the moment of salvation. You receive these forty things at the very moment of salvation before you have had a chance to do anything! Therefore, you obviously receive these things by grace; you don't earn or deserve them.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit is that which God the Holy Spirit produces in the life of the believer who executes the predesigned plan of God through the filling of the Holy Spirit and the consistent intake of Bible doctrine. This fruit is nine-fold. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." **Gal 5:22-23.**

GOD CONSCIOUSNESS

God consciousness is defined as the point at which a person becomes aware of the existence of God. It may also be classified as the point of accountability.

GODLINESS

Godliness is derived from the Greek word eusebeia, which connotes

duty and responsibility of the royal priesthood to God under operation grace. Therefore, godliness is a word that describes the believer who is executing the plan of God for his life. The Greek word theosebeia means reverence to God or occupation with Christ.

GOSPEL

The Greek noun, euaggelion, is a compound word. Eu means good; angelos means a messenger, or an envoy who brings good news. Therefore, the word "Gospel" actually means "good news." God's good news to all mankind is that God the Son became a man and died for the sins of the entire world and whosoever may believe in Him and receive eternal life, **Joh 3:16, 36**.

GRACE

Grace is all that God is free to do for mankind without compromising His divine essence. Grace means favor, kindness, and mercy. Grace is free, unmerited love and favor from God alone, not from our human works or because we are attractive to God. Grace is that in God which acts freely to save and bless mankind because all demands of holiness have been satisfied in Christ.

GRACE ORIENTATION

Grace orientation is being oriented to the grace policy of God through the inculcation of Bible doctrine under genuine humility and the teaching ministry of God the Holy Spirit. The grace-orientated believer does not judge others and always offers other believers privacy while minding his own business! Grace orientation offers to others the very grace that God offers to you!

GREAT POWER DEMONSTRATION

The great power demonstration was the period of the incarnation of Christ in which the humanity of Christ set the precedence for the utilization of the divine power of God the Holy Spirit and the word of God in living the Christian way of life. Every Church-age believer can operate under the very same power that sustained the humanity of Christ. It was in the great power demonstration of the Hypostatic

union (i.e., Christ incarnate) that Christ proved this power valid and feasible to each Church-age believer.

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

This is the final judgment and it is for unbelievers only. It is here that all their good and evil will be evaluated and receive just condemnation. Condemnation, since they rejected the person of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Judgment, because all the "good" deeds they performed were conducted in human power rather than in the power of the Holy Spirit, **Rev 20:12-15**.

HADES OR SHEOL

The Hebrew word sheol originally meant in post-biblical Hebrew the deep parts of the sea. But both sheol and the Greek word hades are used to refer to anything that is subterranean and large. They are used for the vast subterranean place of the departed dead of the human race and the abode of certain fallen angels. Both sheol and hades are mistranslated "hell" which adds to the confusion. Hades was used from classical times for the underworld and the realm of the dead. Sheol is sometimes used for the grave, as in **Gen 37:35, 42:38, 1Sa 2:6**, and other passages.

HEART

The Biblical nouns for heart always refer to the right lobe of the soul, with possibly the exception of one passage in the Bible. The Hebrew lebh and the Greek kardia are both translated "heart." **1Sa 25:37** and **2Sa 18:14**. The heart is the part of the soul where metabolized Bible doctrine resides and therefore the heart is to dominate the soul. When emotion takes over the believers thinking the heart is no longer in control and the believer is in emotional revolt of the soul.

HEATHENISM

Heathenism is the apostasy of the unbeliever in the state of negative volition, described in **2Pe 2**. Heathenism is also the story of the unbeliever rejecting the Gospel, **Rom 1:18-32**.

HEIRSHIP

Heirship is based on sonship. You must be a son before you can become an heir. Every person becomes an adult son of God at the moment of faith in Christ, “huios” means an adult son in **Joh 1:12**, **Rom 8:16-17**. If you are not in the family of God, how can you be an heir of God? The Lord is the heir of all things, and we share in all He has, **Gal 3:26**. Heirship is also based on the death of another, **Rom 5:8**. Therefore, heirship of the royal family is based on the new covenant, **Heb 9:15**. To inherit from God, one must possess life from God, i.e., eternal life, **1Jo 5:11-12**. So to be an heir of God, you must have His perfect righteousness and eternal life. All of the heirs of God have become sons of God and have been justified by grace via imputed perfect righteousness from the justice of God, **Tit 3:7**.

HISTORICAL TRENDS

Even though history is the record of man's thoughts, decisions, actions and motivations, it is Jesus Christ who controls history. This is the first dispensation in which there is no prophecy besides the prophecy of its end at the Rapture of the church. Therefore, this is the dispensation of historical trends meaning that the Bible gives us trends that indicate when a client nation is to prosper or decline or when the time of the Rapture may be at hand, **2Ti 3:1-7**. However, it must be made clear that no one knows when the Lord is to return to receive His church. The comfort of the Church-age believer is to know that Jesus Christ controls history from His Hypostatic Union.

HOPE

Hope is absolute confidence, total assurance, as well as comfort. It is our comfort in relationship to future things. Confidence about future things because of the promises of God results in comfort. The source of hope is perception and metabolization of doctrine. Hope is not ignorance, uncertainty, or oscillation but confidence in God.

HUMAN GOOD

Human good must never be confused with morality or the legitimate production of the believer known as divine good (see **DIVINE GOOD**). Human good is the production of the believer in the cosmic system and it is not valid in God's eyes, **Isa 64:6**. Human good is the production of evil. It is often a reaction, e.g., helping someone because you dislike a person who wasn't helping that person, or showing someone how much better you are by your Christian production. People often give or do so-called good things because of wrong motivation. All human good will be burned up at the judgment seat of Christ, **1Co 3:13**.

HUMAN SPIRIT

The human spirit is the immaterial part of man designed by God and imputed to the believer by means of the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation. It is given to convert, to store, and to utilize spiritual phenomena. The human spirit receives spiritual information that the Holy Spirit converts into gnosis (knowledge).

HUMILITY

Humility is teachability and the antithesis of arrogance! Humility is the ability to not think too highly or too lowly of oneself, but to know that one must be taught by a pastor-teacher to live the spiritual life. Without humility there can be no reception of truth! Without reception of truth there can be no spiritual growth, hence no spiritual life.

HYPOSTATIC UNION

The person of the incarnate Christ are two natures, inseparably united without mixture or loss of separate identity, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being personal and eternal. Since the incarnation, Jesus Christ is true humanity and undiminished deity in one unique person forever, this is called the hypostatic union.

I.C.E.

I.C.E. is an acronym that describes the way in which the word of

God must be interpreted.

Isagogics: To fully understand the word of God, the Bible must be interpreted within the framework of isagogics, which is the historical setting.

Categorical: The Bible must be studied through the scrutiny of the particular doctrine as recorded throughout the Scripture, line upon line, verse upon verse, and category upon category. Hence, Scripture must be used to interpret Scripture. No scripture can stand alone.

Exegesis: The Bible should be studied in the original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek), with full context of the selected verse or verses, paying strict attention to grammar, syntax, and the etymology of the words from the original languages.

IDOLATRY

Idolatry is allowing anyone or anything to take a higher position in one's life above one's personal love for God. Idolatry points to an inordinate attachment or an extreme devotion to something or someone, which takes priority over that of the believer's personal love for God! **Exo 20:3-5.**

IMMINENCE

Imminence is the quality or condition of being about to occur. Imminence in the Church-age relates to the Rapture of the church since the Lord could return at any moment. No prophesies are waiting to be fulfilled before the return of the Lord to rapture His church.

IMMUTABILITY

Immutability is the attribute of God that describes His inability to change. He is not susceptible to or capable of change. He is absolute, unalterable stability.

IMPERSONAL LOVE

Impersonal love is a virtue love which emphasizes the character of the subject (you) rather than the object being loved. Impersonal love emphasizes something in you rather than emphasizing something in the object of your love. A great example of impersonal love comes from God the Father in that when we were all yet sinners He loved us through the giving of His only begotten Son, **Joh 3:16**.

IMPECCABILITY OF CHRIST

Impeccability is the doctrine of Christology, which recognizes the fact that during the entire course of the dispensation of the hypostatic union, our Lord Jesus Christ did not sin though He was tempted in His humanity and the temptations were real.

IMPRECATORY PRAYER

This is a prayer in which justice is demanded for some form of persecution, antagonism, or hostility directed toward the one involved.

IMPUTATION

Imputation is the function of the justice of God directed toward mankind and relates to the plan of God for mankind. Imputation functions as an act of condemnation or blessing from the integrity of God to mankind. Imputation is the action of the justice of God whereby either condemnation or blessing is assigned, ascribed, attributed, superimposed or superinduced to another being. The believer advances in the plan of God with each imputation.

INCARNATION

The incarnation is the period of time Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, lived on earth in hypostatic union. The account of His life is recorded in the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. See **HYPOSTATIC UNION**

INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the permanent status acquired at

the moment of salvation by Church-age believers in which God the Holy Spirit sets up permanent residence in the body of the believer, **Joh 14:16**. The Holy Spirit transforms their bodies into temples for the simultaneous indwelling of Jesus Christ, **1Co 3:16**. See SHEKINAH GLORY

INHERITANCE

See HEIRSHIP.

INORDINATE COMPETITION

Inordinate competition is the lust to exalt oneself over the status or level of another without the decent regard for others' or for God's will. It consists of self-promotion at all costs, even to the harm of others.

INSPIRATION

God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture, that without waving their human intelligence, individuality, literary style, personal feelings or any other human factor, His own complete and coherent message to man was recorded in perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture, the very words bearing the authority of divine authorship, **2Ti 3:16**.

INTERCALATION

Intercalation means insertion. The Jewish dispensation was interrupted by the insertion of a new dispensation, which is the Church. The strategic victory of Jesus Christ at the cross, His resurrection, ascension, and session at the right hand of the Father immediately demanded that the Jewish age be interrupted, and that a new dispensation be inserted for the calling out of the royal family of God.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is that characteristic which operates in impersonal love and functions under the royal family honor code.

INTEGRITY OF GOD

The integrity of God combines the divine attributes of righteousness and justice to form God's holiness. This is the totality of divine perfection and the foundation of God's throne, **Psa 89:14**.

INVISIBLE ASSETS

The invisible assets are those divine assets provided by God the Father in eternity past for the execution of the predesigned plan of God in the believer's life. God the Father found the way for His justice to provide perfect fantastic blessing to His righteousness without any compromise of His essence. The invisible assets are composed of primary, secondary, and personal assets. The primary assets include equal privilege and equal opportunity under election and predestination. The secondary assets include volitional assets, which are achieved through good decisions made from positions of strength, and the assets of undeserved suffering. The personal assets are the proper function of every believer's spiritual gift. It is our invisible assets that we need to utilize to make our calling and election sure, or an experiential reality, **2Pe 1:9-11**. In your portfolio of invisible assets God provided everything necessary for the function in life, dying, eternity, growing in grace, and the execution and fulfillment of the predesigned plan of God.

INVISIBLE HERO

The purpose of the great power experiment of the Church-age is to manufacture invisible heroes. The Old Testament had visible heroes but the Church is the dispensation of invisible heroes who are the product of Bible doctrine, especially the mystery doctrine of the Church-age, and the filling of the Holy Spirit. The invisible hero is the believer who advances to spiritual maturity, executes the predesigned plan of God, and glorifies God to the maximum by receiving his escrow blessings for time and eternity. The invisible hero has the privilege of going through evidence testing as a star witness for the prosecution in the angelic conflict and he will be labeled "winner" at the judgment seat of Christ.

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

The Judgment Seat of Christ is the evaluation of all Church-age believers. "Judgment" can mean two things: condemnation and evaluation. In this context, it refers to evaluation. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a technical, theological term used to designate the evaluation of the royal family of God at the end of the Church-age after the rapture or resurrection of the Church. It is the evaluation of what use we made of logistical grace provision, the problem solving devices, and divine power. The evaluation is determined on the basis of the execution of the predesigned plan of God or the failure to do so. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine gain or loss of escrow blessings (rewards) for eternity. Gain comes from the exploitation, positive volition, and advance in the predesigned plan of God. Loss comes from cosmic living and failing to execute the Christian way of life as God's game plan for the Church-age believer, **1Co 3:11-15**. It also means that lost escrow blessings remain on deposit forever as a memorial to lost opportunity, **1Pe 1:4**.

JUSTICE

Justice is the attribute of God that describes his infinite fairness in blessing, and rewards, along with judgment and condemnation.

JUSTIFICATION

Justification means a judicial act of vindication. We are born under condemnation, being spiritually dead. Justification is an official judicial act that occurs every time anyone believes in Christ. God the Father was satisfied with the substitutionary spiritual sacrifice of Jesus Christ and by means of Christ's efficacious work the divine righteousness of God is imputed to every born again believer at the moment of salvation. Simultaneously the Father sees the righteousness in us and His justice pronounces us justified. Justification therefore guarantees a relationship with God forever and also guarantees our perfect standing as holy and blameless in His eyes forever.

JURISPRUDENCE

Jurisprudence refers to the body or system of laws, or the science of law. A court is defined as a place where justice is administered, a place where the function of jurisprudence is designed to determine innocence or guilt. Under the concept of freedom, a person should be considered innocent until proven guilty.

KENOSIS

During the incarnation, our Lord voluntarily restricted the independent use of His divine attributes, which includes His omnipotence. He did this in compliance with the Father's plan for the strategic victory of the angelic conflict. The plan for the incarnation not only called for the judgment of our sins, the provision of eternal salvation for all members of the human race, but simultaneously for the strategic victory of the angelic conflict. The Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily took upon Himself true humanity in order to redeem mankind from sin, in order to propitiate God the Father, and to reconcile mankind to God.

LAKE OF FIRE

The lake of fire is the final destination for both fallen angels and unbelieving mankind. It is both literal and eternal. It was prepared originally for Satan and his angels, **Mat 25:41**. Unbelievers also go there, with no way out, **Joh 3:18, 36, Heb 9:27**.

LAPSARIANISM

Lapsarianism is all the decrees in eternity past; five are related to the purpose of God in election. Lapsarianism explains the logical order of these five decrees. Lapsarianism, from the word "lapse," refers to the fact that man is a fallen being. Under lapsarianism the five decrees of eternity past are related to the purpose of God in election. Therefore, the five concepts of lapsarianism are often called the five elective decrees. It explains the logical rather than the chronological order of the decrees. Although the entire decree is one thought in the mind of God, the principle of cause and effect is involved. The five decrees are:

1. The decree to create all angels/mankind.
2. The decree to permit the fall of angels/mankind.
3. The decree to provide salvation for all mankind.
4. The decree to elect all believers and to justly condemn all unbelievers.
5. The decree to apply salvation to anyone who believes in Christ.

LAST JUDGMENT

The Last Judgment is the alternative to salvation. In effect, it is facing God's judgment in eternity because you would not adjust to God's Sovereign will in time. The Last Judgment is the expression of the integrity of God toward those who reject Christ as Savior. It is the culminating judgment of human history in which every unbeliever of the human race is judged and sentenced to the lake of fire. They will stand before Jesus Christ who is the Supreme Court judge of heaven, **Joh 5:22**. This is also called the second death or the Great White Throne Judgment, **Rev 20:12**.

LEGALISM

Legalism is man's futile attempt to gain salvation or to continue in God's plan by way of some system of do's and don'ts, i.e., human good for the purpose of gaining God's approbation. Legalism is the opposite of grace and is therefore evil.

LIFE BEYOND GNOSIS

Gnosis is doctrinal information learned but not believed or metabolized. Once the doctrinal information is believed or metabolized it is converted into epignosis in the right lobe of the soul (see HEART) thereby becoming wisdom. It is by such wisdom that the "life beyond gnosis" is executed! Hence, this life is put into operation by the metabolization of Bible doctrine.

LOGISTICAL GRACE

Logistical grace is defined as divine planning, divine support, divine provision, and divine blessing, given by God to every Church-age believer, whether a winner or loser believer, for the execution of the predesigned plan of God. Logistical grace includes everything that you would need to fulfill the plan of God for your life. It is food, water, clothes, shelter, air to breathe, a Bible, a pastor-teacher, etc. Logistical grace is a free gift by God's grace that originates from His Justice and is imputed to the very Righteousness of God in every Church-age believer.

LOVE

Love is God's attitude of esteem and regard toward Himself and His concern, mercy, and benevolence toward His created beings. Love is a transitive verb, meaning that it has a subject (the one loving) and an object (the one being loved). Love, therefore, falls into two main categories. There is impersonal unconditional love that emphasizes the integrity of the subject and personal love, which emphasizes the attractiveness in the object. Personal love does not contain virtue while impersonal love depends on virtue. Believers are commanded to have impersonal unconditional love for one another as well as for the entire human race, **Joh 13:34**. It was God's impersonal love for all mankind that motivated Him to send His Son to die for the sins of the whole world, **Joh 3:16**. Therefore love is a motivator for God as well as the believer, **2Co 5:14**.

MEDIATORSHIP

A mediator removes disagreement and estrangement between two parties. When both parties are antagonistic to each other a mediator brings them to a common goal or unity. Both parties must agree to the mediator, for he steps in between two parties as the equal to both. By so doing, reconciliation is established and a contract is made. To accomplish this, God the Father must be propitiated and man must be reconciled to God. Therefore, the mediator must redeem man to accomplish this. The Hypostatic Union qualifies Jesus Christ as the mediator between God and man. The mechanics are found in **1Ti 2:5-6**, "*For you see, there is one God in essence, one mediator between God and man.*"

MENTAL ATTITUDE

The mental attitude is the function of human thought. The life of every believer is determined experientially by two principles: what he thinks and what he decides. What you really are as a person is what you really think, not the way you appear to be on the surface or the way you are dressed. What goes on inside the invisible you, that is in your soul constitutes your mental attitude, which is the real you, **Pro 23:7**. People are not always what they appear to be on the surface. A mental attitude can be filled with divine viewpoint, which will result in good decisions from a position of strength, or human viewpoint which will result in bad decisions from a position of weakness.

MENTORSHIP OF HOLY SPIRIT

God the Holy Spirit is called the “helper” (Greek = parakeet) in **Joh 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7**, which can be translated as a mentor. A paraklete was one who stood by your side in time of need. God the Holy Spirit is the believer’s true teacher and mentor. As your true teacher He makes Bible doctrine understandable when you allow Him to fill your soul (see **FILLING OF THE SPIRIT**). As your mentor God the Holy Spirit guides and helps the believer to apply the correct doctrine to experience. All believers have the mentorship of the Holy Spirit when they are filled with the Spirit.

MERCY

Mercy is an inherent attribute of God and is the expression of His grace policy toward all of His creatures as well as an expression of the Church-age believer's royal family honor code.

MESSIAH

Messiah literally means "the Anointed One" in Hebrew, parallel to "Christ" in the Greek, indicating Jesus' offices of prophet, priest, and king to Israel.

METABOLIZED DOCTRINE

Metabolized doctrine is the work of God the Holy Spirit when a believer mixes accurate doctrine that is understood with faith. Bible doctrine perceived is made understandable by means of the filling of the Holy Spirit. Once the believer has understood the doctrine he has knowledge only (Greek gnosis), which cannot be applied. However the believer can use his volition to either accept its truth by faith or to reject it. Much like the body metabolizes food for energy, when doctrine is believed God the Holy Spirit metabolizes the doctrine by cycling it from the left lobe of the soul (mind) to the right lobe (the heart) where it becomes spiritual energy (Greek epignosis) which is ready for application.

METABOLISM

Metabolism is defined as the sum total process in the building up of protoplasm and its destruction incidental to life. In other words, it is the chemical changes in the living cells by which energy is provided for vital processes and activities. New material is assimilated to repair waste material in living cells. Therefore, spiritual metabolism takes place in the spiritual realm.

METAMORPHISM

Metamorphism is an English noun derived from a Biblical Greek word, the verb metamorphoo, which means to change or to transform. This verb is used of our Lord's transformation on the Mount of Transfiguration in **Mat 17:2**. It is also used for the believer who "transforms" his thinking through the daily intake of Bible doctrine, **Rom 12:2**. The change in the life of the believer who makes Bible doctrine his number one priority is a striking radical change as he takes the high ground of spiritual maturity.

MILLENNIUM

The Millennium is the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth from His Second Advent to the end of human history, prophesied throughout the Old Testament and in **Rev 20**.

MOMENTUM TESTING

Momentum testing is the grace gift of God under the category of invisible assets known as undeserved suffering. Momentum testing is for the believer who has achieved the first stage of spiritual growth, spiritual self esteem, and has passed providential preventative suffering. Because of this the believer has advanced to the second stage of spiritual growth known as spiritual autonomy and it is here that the believer has gained enough wisdom to have the capacity to pass momentum testing. There are four categories to momentum testing, which are; people testing, thought testing, system testing and disaster testing.

MORALITY

Morality pertains to the character, conduct, ethics, motivations, and integrity relating to the laws of divine establishment. As conformity to the laws of divine establishment, morality has been given by God for both believers and unbelievers as a means of protecting freedom and honoring proper authority. Therefore, morality is a part of the spiritual life but in and of itself is not the spiritual life. Believers who believe that morality is the Christian way of life do not understand what true spirituality is and therefore fail to execute the plan of God for their lives. When morality takes precedence over spirituality only legalism and evil results.

MORNING STAR

The Morning Star is one of the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ, **Rev 22:16**, and “the order of the Morning Star” is the greatest decoration that is given to the winner believer at the judgment seat of Christ, **Rev 2:26-28**

MOSAIC LAW

The Mosaic Law consists of the laws that God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, which are made up of 3 Codices:

1. Codex I Freedom Code; the Decalogue or Ten Commandments.
2. Codex II Spiritual Code; which includes the complete shadow presentation of Christ and His saving work.

3. Codes III Establishment Code: civil statutes of Israel.

Codices III and I protected human life, freedom, privacy, and property. Codex II charged individual O.T. believers and communicators of God's Word with accurately presenting the Gospel and teaching of Bible doctrine within the nation. The Mosaic Law does not apply to the Church-age believer who is to live under the Mystery doctrine of the Church-age, **Rom 6:14**.

MYSTERY DOCTRINE

The word "mystery" refers to the doctrine of the great power experiment for the Church-age that was introduced by the Lord in the upper-room discourse (**Joh 13-17**) and is completely revealed in the New Testament epistles. It is called the mystery because it was never revealed in Old Testament times but now has been manifested to the Church, **Col 1:26**.

NECROMANCY

Necromancy is a system of divination or a device for providing information, generally, future information. Necromancy is that system of divination that allegedly contacts the dead for information. The word is formed by combining the two Greek words, nekros meaning dead, and manteia meaning divination, to mean divination by contacting the dead, or seeking information from the spirits of dead persons.

NEGATIVE VOLITION

Negative volition is rejection of Bible doctrine at any stage of perception, metabolization, or application. Negative volition can occur at perception of doctrine where the believer refuses to assemble for Bible teaching. It can also occur by rejection of your right pastor-teacher and his authority by not concentrating on the word of God as it is being spoken. It can occur at the moment of faith perception where the believer refuses to believe the doctrine and hence have it metabolized by God the Holy Spirit. Finally negative volition can occur at faith application where the believer

refuses to apply the doctrine he has already metabolized to circumstances in life. Negative volition manufactures losers in the Christian way of life.

NEW SPECIES (NEW CREATION)

The Church came from the perpetuation of the great power demonstration of the Hypostatic Union into the great power experiment of the Church-age. The Church demands a new spiritual species for the calling out of the royal family of God and its utilization of all divine power. The new spiritual species originates from regeneration at the moment of salvation and is created through the mechanics of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, **2Co 5:17**. It is important to note that the new creature is a brand new creation that has never existed before and it is not an improved or upgraded form of the old creature, **Rom 6:3-6**.

NEW COVENANT TO THE CHURCH

This New Covenant to the Church is a spiritual legacy to the royal family of God and authorizes the royal priesthood. This covenant applies only to those who are born again in the Church-age. Hence, the New Covenant is God's grace disposition to the royal family in time and eternity.

OCCUPATION WITH CHRIST

Occupation with Christ is the tenth and greatest problem-solving device and one of three problem-solving devices related to virtue-love. Occupation with Christ is the maximum function of perception, metabolization, and application; i.e., learning doctrine on a daily basis so that you advance to spiritual adulthood, becoming conformed to the image of Christ. Occupation with Christ is defined as personal love for God the Son caused by perception, metabolization, and application, which manifests the fact that the mystery doctrine of the Church-age has been and continues to be the #1 priority in your life.

THE OLD SIN NATURE

Biblical documentation of the sin nature is found in **Rom 5:12**. *"Therefore, just as through one man [Adam], sin [the sin nature] entered into the world, and [spiritual] death through [the] sin [nature], so [spiritual] death spread to the entire human race because all sinned [when Adam sinned]."* The old sin nature is Adam's trend after the fall in action. Immediately after Adam sinned, he acquired an old sin nature and became spiritually dead. The sin nature of Adam is passed down through his seed to all his progeny, therefore every OSN originates biologically from the seed of the father, **Gen 5:3**. Only Jesus Christ was born into this world without an OSN since He did not have a biological father. The OSN exists in the cell structure of the body and each one is unique. It can possess a trend to either lasciviousness or asceticism and it has a strength and a weakness. The OSN will not be eradicated from the body until the moment of physical death, however it has been crucified positionally in every believer, **Rom 6:6**.

OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD

The Latin term omnipotence is taken from the Greek word pantokrator, and means all-powerful or almighty. It refers specifically to the power or ability attribute of God. It has the connotation of "ruler of all things," Omnipotence is the theological term to describe the unlimited, infinite and eternal power of the three persons of the Trinity.

OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD

Omnipresence of God literally means, "everywhere present" and describes God's attribute of eternal and simultaneous presence in every place. God is not subject to the limitations of space.

OMNISCIENCE OF GOD

Omniscience means "all-knowing" and describes God's attribute of complete knowledge of all things, including His foreknowledge.

OPERATION FOOTSTOOL

Operation footstool is the culmination of the strategic victory of the

angelic conflict when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to earth to establish His kingdom and His enemies become a footstool for His feet. Satan, the fallen angels and all unbelievers who survived the Tribulation are removed from the earth at which point Satan loses the rulership of the world to the Lord Jesus Christ who will reign for the thousand year Millennium, **Psa 110:1, Eph 1:22, Heb 1:13, 10:13.**

PALESTINIAN COVENANT

This is an unconditional or grace covenant given to Abram and subsequently all born again Israel. It is not based on human merit, but on the perfect essence of God. God gives on the basis of who and what He is, not who and what we are. This covenant is the sovereign disposition of God whereby God establishes an unconditional or declarative pact first with Abram and then with Israel. God obligates Himself under grace with the phrase, "I will." This covenant is a real estate blessing. It guarantees a certain portion of the land in the Middle East to Israel forever. The fulfillment of this covenant will occur at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. It has never been fulfilled; it is future.

PARABLE

A parable is a short fictitious narrative that illustrates a principle of Bible doctrine.

PERSONAL SENSE OF DESTINY

A personal sense of destiny is God's meaning, purpose, and definition for the believer's life, which becomes stronger and clearer as he progresses through the three stages of spiritual adulthood. The personal sense of destiny is also a problem solving device that gives the believer great confidence in the future by the knowledge that his loving God has tailor designed a plan just for him that will result in maximum blessing and the glorification of God. The personal sense of destiny includes the believer's niche in life, which is the nest or resting place that is composed of all the things that God has designed for those who love Him; things which go beyond what the believer

could even ask or think.

PIVOT

The pivot is defined as the accumulation of mature believers living in a client nation, or under civil government, in a specific geographical location. While a pivot is composed primarily of mature believers, it may also include those positive believers whose momentum has carried them into spiritual adulthood. Technically, the pivot may include all believers who have fulfilled the principle of virtue first as their first priority in the plan of God. Believers in the pivot stand out in contrast to believers living in the cosmic system, whose arrogance from motivational arrogance results in self-righteous and crusader arrogance. God's client nation will fall under blessing or discipline as the pivot increases or decreases respectively.

PLEROMA

Pleroma is a Greek word that is often translated "fullness" in the NASB. It means: complete in itself, complete in quota, complete in quality, and complete in duration. It is an important word that refers to the fullness of Christ, **Joh 1:16**, the fullness of the dispensation of the Church, **Eph 1:10**, and the fullness of the believer who reaches spiritual maturity, **Eph 4:13**.

PLEROO

Pleroo is a N.T. Greek word which is used for the "filling" of the Holy Spirit (**Eph 5:18**) and is described as all of the following:

1. To fill up a deficiency. At salvation we are deficient of doctrine.
2. To fully possess. The believer must be fully possessed by the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine before he can be fully possessed by the blessings of maturity.
3. To fully influence. The believer is fully influenced by Bible doctrine so that he can have capacity for blessing.

4. To fill with a certain quality. Doctrine is the highest quality with which the believer can be filled.

God the Holy Spirit accomplishes these four things for the believer when he is filled (pleroo) with the Spirit by use of the rebound technique (see REBOUND).

PORTFOLIO OF INVISIBLE ASSETS (see INVISIBLE ASSETS)

POSITIONAL TRUTH

The Church-age believer in Christ is positionally superior to all angels, including the chief fallen angel, Satan because of his union with Christ, **Heb 1:4, 13-14, 2:9-11**. It is in our position in Christ that God sees us, and it is how we are to view ourselves. We are not to dwell on our condition! Positional truth is equivalent to positional sanctification in which God the Father is completely satisfied with the work of Christ on the cross. It is composed of retroactive positional truth and current positional truth. Positional truth is our guaranteed relationship with Christ in the Church-age, and it is the key to understanding the Church-age and the royal family. It is the basis for distinguishing between Christianity and religion, and it is the truth concerning the born-again believer who has been entered into union with Christ by means of the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

POST SALVATION EXPERIENCE

Post salvation experience is the life of the believer after salvation, **2Pe 3:18**.

PPOG; PREDESIGNED PLAN OF GOD. See PREDESTINATION

PREDESTINATION

Predestination is one of the many assets in our portfolio of invisible assets. Predestination is the provision of the sovereignty of God for every believer in eternity past to execute God's plan, purpose, and

will for your life. God provided for you, under predestination, everything you need to execute His plan. However, this does not mean that God violates human free will, but that God has predestined a plan for each believer that they can accept by faith or reject by negative volition.

PREVENTATIVE SUFFERING

Preventative suffering has two categories:

1. Providential preventative suffering is short-termed suffering from the sovereignty of God for the benefit of the believer.
2. Punitive preventative suffering is related to sin. It punishes the guilty and warns the tempted believer to resist the temptation and avoid the sin or the flaw.

PRIVACY

Privacy is the privilege of the believer priest who represents himself before God. No believer priest has the right to stick his nose into the life of another believer priest in order to judge or evaluate, **Rom 14:4**. Privacy is a state of being apart from the observation and company of others. It is the innate right of the human race to seclusion. It is that principle of freedom whereby an individual of the human race has the right to retire from the company of others, remaining in seclusion from the knowledge or observation of others. Privacy, property, and life are the basic concepts of happiness and freedom.

PROBLEM SOLVING DEVICES

There are 10 problem solving devices:

1. The rebound technique.
2. The filling of the Spirit.
3. The faith-rest drill.

4. Grace orientation.
5. Doctrinal orientation.
6. A personal sense of destiny.
7. Personal love for God the Father.
8. Impersonal love for all mankind.
9. +H or sharing the happiness of God.
10. Occupation with Christ as the priority solution to life.

PROPITIATION

Propitiation is the God-ward side of the work of Christ in salvation while reconciliation is the man-ward side of that work. Propitiation means satisfaction, and God the Father is satisfied with the sacrificial ministry of our Lord on the cross. Propitiation is the work of Christ on the cross that deals with the integrity of God. Propitiation means that our Lord satisfied God the Father. In propitiation the justice of God judges our sins and the integrity of God is satisfied with that judgment. Propitiation frees the justice of God to immediately give anyone who believes in Christ one-half of divine integrity, the righteousness of God. This is the down payment on our salvation.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Providence is the divine outworking of all of the divine decrees in which God's power sustains and guides human history. The object of God's providence is the final manifestation of His glory as His divine decrees unfold until their climax when all His enemies are destroyed forever. The doctrine of divine providence expresses the fact that the world and our lives are not ruled by chance, fate, or luck, but by God, who reveals His purpose through the providence of grace, the greatest display of which was accomplished at the Cross.

PSEUDO SPIRITUALITY

Pseudo spirituality is false spirituality based on man's system of human viewpoint rules or based on Satan's system of religion in cosmic 2. They are both antithetical to the true spirituality of Christianity which is based upon God's grace which is freely given through the cross of Christ, empowered by the filling of the Holy Spirit, and manifest in the word of God.

PUBLIC LIE

The public lie is the hate propaganda formulated by arrogant and ambitious people who lust for power and approbation. The public lie is to discredit the teaching of Bible doctrine and those who communicate it.

RAPTURE

"Rapture" is a technical theological term for the resurrection of the royal family of God at the end of the church age in which the dead in Christ shall rise and those who are alive and are His at His coming will also rise to meet the Lord in the air, **1Co 15:51-52; 1Th 4:16-17; 2Th 2:1**. It is extremely important to understand that the Rapture of the Church is not the second coming of Christ. The Rapture occurs before the Tribulational period while the second coming (Second Advent) occurs at the end of the Tribulation.

REBOUND

Rebound is the first problem solving device and is a grace function to the believer. The rebound technique is a procedure given in **Psa 32:5; 1Co 11:28; 1Jo 1:9**, in which the believer simply acknowledges or names his known sins to God the Father. Because the justice of God the Father is satisfied with the sacrifice of Christ He is faithful and just to forgive us of all of our sins, which includes both the known and unknown sins. The use of the rebound technique results in restoration to fellowship, recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit, and re-entry into the predesigned plan of God.

RECONCILIATION

All believers are reconciled to God the moment they believe in

Christ, but the work of reconciliation actually took place on the cross for every member of the human race. Reconciliation is the man-ward side of the cross while propitiation is the God-ward side of the cross. Reconciliation means that the barrier that existed between fallen mankind and God has been torn down by the substitutionary spiritual death of Christ on the cross. Therefore all that is needed is faith alone in Christ alone for any person to have eternal peace with God. Eirene (often translated "peace") is the Greek word that technically refers to the doctrine of reconciliation. "Peace" and "reconciliation" are synonymous terms in such passages as **Eph 2:14, 15, 17, 4:3, 6:15**. By means of reconciliation all believers are restored to friendship and agreement with God by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Reconciliation is stated as a doctrine in such passages as, **2Co 5:18, Eph 2:16, Col 1:20-21**.

RECOVERY

Recovery is the restoration of divine viewpoint in the mental attitude of the soul after a prolonged stay in the cosmic system. The solution to personal sin is the use of the rebound technique, which results in restoration to fellowship with God, recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit, and being reentered into the predesigned plan of God, **1Jo 1:9**. However, if rebound is not immediate and prolonged periods of time are spent in the cosmic system recovery is needed. Recovery from the evil viewpoint of the cosmic system is accomplished by again circulating metabolized doctrine in the soul with the resultant divine viewpoint. If evil has taken root in the soul due to reversionism then enforced humility is needed to force oneself into the consistent perception and metabolization of accurate Bible doctrine, **Eph 4:23, Rom 12:2**.

REDEMPTION

The doctrine of redemption views mankind as born into the slave market of sin through the imputation of Adam's original sin at physical birth, for we had to be condemned before we could be saved. There was no way that man could redeem himself. Redemption was accomplished by the saving work of Christ on the cross by which He purchased every member of the human race

(unlimited atonement). The payment of debt for this purchase is called the "blood of Christ," **Eph 1:7, Col 1:14**. Redemption emphasizes the fact that we are sinners, not only by choice or volition, but at the point of physical birth. At the moment of faith in Christ the believer has eternal security because the total sum of the debt against him was paid or redeemed by Christ, **Col 2:13-14**.

REGENERATION

Regeneration is a theological term that means a second birth or being born again, as Jesus said in **Joh 3:3**, "*Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a person is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'*" **Joh 3:7**, "*Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*" Regeneration is the immediate result of faith alone in Christ alone.

RELATIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS

Man's righteousness is adequate only in comparison or relative to other humans, but is totally inadequate when compared to God's absolute or perfect righteousness, **Joh 15:5**.

RELIGION

Religion is an evil system whereby man by his own efforts and merits attempts to gain salvation or the approbation of God. Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ, by grace through faith, **Eph 2:8-9**, and not a religious attempt to gain God's favor through a human system of morality or avoidance of taboos.

REPENTANCE

The Greek transitive verb *metanoeo* means to change one's thinking, or to change the mind. Repentance connotes a decision based on mentality and it is rational, not emotional. All of us repented at the moment of salvation because we changed our thinking concerning the person of Christ. The cognate noun *metanoia*, **Rom 2:4**, means a change of mind, a conversion, a turning away. Doctrinal viewpoint changes every bit of human viewpoint you've learned. .

RESURRECTION

Resurrection is rising from the dead in a human body, and never again being subject to death. All members of the human race will be resurrected, however the believers will be resurrected in an incorruptible body and will spend eternity in heaven with God. Conversely, unbelievers will be resurrected in a human body but they will spend eternity in the lake of fire, **Rev 20:14**.

RETROACTIVE POSITIONAL TRUTH

Retroactive positional truth means to be identified with Christ in His death and burial. This position divorces the believer from sin and evil as well as the power of the old sin nature because he is crucified and buried with Christ, **Rom 6:4,6**. Not only is the believer identified with Christ in death and burial, but also in resurrection, ascension, and session (current positional truth) as God replaces the old position (retroactive) with the new position (current), **Eph 2:6**.

REVELATION

The Greek word apokalupsis, meaning revelation, is defined as God making known to man what is otherwise unknowable. God has to reveal Himself to us. A material universe demands a creator. Man is the object of that creation. Therefore, communication from the creator to mankind is to be expected, and the word of God has been given to mankind through revelation, **Gal 1:12**. So the noun apokalupsis implies unveiling, disclosure by God Himself regarding things previously unknown and things that cannot be explained.

REVERSE TRENDS OF HISTORY

The Church-age is the dispensation of historical trends since there are no prophecies to be fulfilled except for its end at the Rapture. Believers therefore can reverse these historical trends anonymously. Each believer influences history to an unprecedented degree, for good or ill, and consequently the Christian has a profound responsibility to grow up spiritually. The mature believer has such an impact that he can reverse the evil trends of history, yet in the same

manner the negative believer can have the opposite impact, thus empowering these trends towards evil. The course of history in the Church-age is determined by the attitude of the believer toward Bible doctrine. No great person or leader or group can make decisions based on honor and virtue without the backing of that pivot of mature believers.

REVERSIONISM

Reversionism is an act of reversing or turning in the opposite way, or a state of being so turned. As believers we were designed to execute the predesigned plan of God. But in reversionism we turn the other way and cannot be distinguished from our pre-salvation status. We are believers thinking human viewpoint. Reversionism is the act of reverting to a former state, habit, belief, or practice of post-salvation sinning. Reversionism is a reversal of your priorities, your attitudes, your affections, the object of your personal love accompanied by the destruction of your impersonal love, and the change of your manner of operation and personality.

REVOLUTION

Revolution is the forcible overthrow of an established government or a political system by the people governed. Revolution is the overthrow by violence of duly constituted authority, resulting in a fundamental change in political organization, constitution, or government.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is the attribute of God that describes the absolute perfection of His character and Person.

ROYAL FAMILY OF GOD

A royal family is the family of a king; here our Lord Jesus Christ is divine royalty as God. He is a sovereign king as part of the Trinity, possessing all the attributes of divine essence. Jesus Christ is also the Son of David and therefore Jewish royalty. But also, after His resurrection, ascension, and session He was given His third royal

title, King of kings, and Lord of lords, **Rev 19:16**. The Church now becomes the kings and lords that He is King and Lord over. At the moment of salvation every Church-age believer is adopted as an adult son into the royal family of God, **Eph 1:5**. The royal family of God, therefore, is defined as every Church-age believer, regardless of antecedence, background, race, classification, etc. All distinctions are erased at the point of salvation and reconciliation and the believer is royalty forever.

ROYAL FAMILY HONOR CODE

The royal family honor code is a system of spiritual integrity mandated by God and revealed by the mystery doctrine of the Church-age. The royal family honor code relates to your personal integrity in relationship to other people. In that sense, the honor code is a supplement to impersonal love for all believers and other pertinent problem solving devices of the predesigned plan of God, **Rom 13-15**.

ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

All believers in the Church-age are royal priests and represent themselves before God, **1Pe 2:5**. No longer is there a specialized priesthood like the Levitical priesthood of Israel. Every Church-age believer, regardless of race or background is a royal priest. The royal priesthood is one of the believer's primary invisible assets.

SABBATH

The Sabbath was the seventh day of the week (Saturday) in which God ceased from His work of creation and declared the day blessed and holy, **Gen 2:1-3**. The Sabbath was passed down to the Jews as a day of rest, **Exo 20:8-11**. The Jews were also commanded to have a Sabbath year in which there would be no planting so that the land could rest, **Lev 25:4**. The Sabbath observance was for the O.T. only, but in the Church-age the Sabbath observance no longer exists, **Col 2:16**.

SALVATION

Salvation is the work of God in the saving of mankind from the power and effects of being born in sin and therefore spiritually dead, being separate from God. This has been accomplished by means of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Any member of the human race can acquire the grace gift of salvation by simply believing in Jesus Christ as their Savior, **Act 16:31**.

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification means to be set apart for God. Sanctification is a technical theological term for the status quo of the royal family of God in three phases of the predesigned plan of God. Sanctification in phases one and three are attained at the moment of salvation, however, sanctification in phase two requires many positive decisions for the plan of God.

1. Positional sanctification is having eternal security, **1Co 6:11**. There is no way you can ever get out of your relationship with God.
2. Experiential sanctification is residence, function, and momentum inside the predesigned plan of God, **2Ti 2:21**.
3. Ultimate sanctification is the believer in his resurrection body in the eternal state, **1Co 15:53**.

SCAR TISSUE OF THE SOUL

Scar tissue of the soul, also known as hardness of the heart, is the result of prolonged residence and function inside the cosmic system, **Joh 12:40** (See COSMIC SYSTEM). Negative volition towards doctrine results in the inhale of cosmic viewpoint into the soul. After prolonged exposure, this cosmic viewpoint clogs the soul with scar tissue and halts the circulation of metabolized Bible doctrine.

SEALING MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Sealing of the Holy Spirit is a signature guarantee in which His very seal is put upon an eternal contract with each born again believer, **Eph 1:13, 4:30**. The sealing of the Spirit guarantee's three things:

1. The guarantee of eternal salvation, **Eph 4:30**.
2. The guarantee of eternal security, **Eph 4:30**.
3. The guarantee of our portfolio of invisible assets, **Eph 1:13, 2Co 1:21-22**.

SECOND ADVENT

There are two advents of Jesus Christ depicted in the Word of God. The First Advent begins with His virgin birth and concludes with His resurrection, ascension and session. During the First Advent, Jesus Christ in Hypostatic Union accomplishes the strategic victory of the angelic conflict and the salvation of the human race. This strategic victory gives Him battlefield royalty. He must have a royal family to go with this royalty. Therefore, there is the need for the Church. The Second Advent is designed to reveal Him as both battlefield royalty and Jewish royalty. He returns to earth, landing on the Mount of Olives, **Zec 14:4**, in resurrection body and Hypostatic Union and He will be accompanied by His saints (the Church), **1Th 3:13**. The Second Advent ends the dispensation of the Tribulation and begins the Lord's 1000 year Millennial reign upon the earth. The Second Advent is not to be confused with the Rapture of the Church, when Christ comes back to remove the Church, but does not set His foot upon the earth, **1Th 4:17**.

SELECTION

Selection is a technical term related to the divine imputation of human life at the point of physical birth. God is the inventor of human life, just as He is the creator. At the moment of physical birth, God imputes human life by breathing the soul to the format soul in the physical body, **Gen 2:7**.

SHEKINAH GLORY

Jesus Christ, the Shekinah Glory of Israel, lived in the Holy of holies, **Exo 25:21-22, Lev 26:11-12, Psa 91:1, Heb 9:5**. His presence was manifest by a cloud above the tabernacle by day and a pillar of fire by night, so that the Jews could always tell when Jesus

Christ was present in the tabernacle. In the Church-age every believer is the holy temple of God, **1Co 3:16, 6:19**, and therefore Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory indwells every believer, **Col 1:27**.

SIN

Sin is any mental, verbal or overt activity that violates the character and standards of God.

SIN NATURE

The sin nature is an integral part of every human being that resides in the cell structure of the human body. The sin nature was acquired originally by Adam at his fall and is subsequently passed down genetically to all mankind by the father through copulation, **Gen 5:3**. The result is both spiritual death and total depravity of all humanity, except Jesus Christ. Because of the virgin birth, Jesus Christ was born without a sin nature since He did not have a biological father, **Mat 1:18**.

SIN UNTO DEATH

The sin unto death is maximum punishment from God. It is fair, painful and terminates in physical death, **1Jo 5:16**. Believers can die the sin unto death through prolonged negative volition and reversionism. This is actually a grace gift from God because God is saving him from the greater evil that is surely to come and taking him home to heaven to be face to face with the Lord. No believer can lose his salvation, even if he dies the sin unto death.

SLANDER

Slander is the spreading of the public lie, or any form of verbal gossiping, maligning, or judging, **Tit 3:2**

SLAVE MENTALITY

The slave mentality desires security over and above freedom regardless of its cost to liberty or its source. Slave mentality is

opposite to God's thinking for He desires His creatures to live in liberty and freedom, **Rom 8:15, Gal 5:1**. The slave mentality does not accept the responsibility that comes from true spirituality and therefore freedom before God. This is the eulogy of the exodus generation who desired slavery in Egypt over freedom in the desert, **Exo 4:11-12**. The believer involved in the slave mentality is a prime target for satanic deception.

SOTERIOLOGY

Soteriology is the theological study of the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Soteriology includes the doctrines of redemption, expiation, propitiation, reconciliation, and justification.

SOUL STRUCTURE

See EDIFICATION COMPLEX.

SOVEREIGNTY

The attribute of God that describes His supreme authority and rule over all He creates.

SPIRITUAL AUTONOMY

Spiritual autonomy is a continuation of contentment or +H (sharing the happiness of God) as a major problem-solving device. In spiritual autonomy the believer has become spiritually self sustained having maximum love for God and impersonal unconditional love for all mankind. It is the second stage of spiritual adulthood.

SPIRITUAL CHAMPION

The spiritual champion is a spiritually mature believer who advances through evidence testing and glorifies God, thereby becoming a champion in the spiritual realm!

SPIRITUAL DEATH

Spiritual death is the penalty of sin, and so given as a warning to our

original parents in **Gen 2:17**, "*dying thou shalt die.*" When they partook of the forbidden fruit, they died spiritually. The penalty was imposed at the fall of mankind. Spiritual death is defined as separation from God in a state of total helplessness with regard to any relationship with God. All humanity experiences spiritual death at the moment of physical birth because they are imputed with Adam's original sin and possess an inherent old sin nature. The problem of spiritual death was solved by the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Greek noun charisma for spiritual gifts is based on the word charis, or grace. All spiritual gifts are a matter of grace! No gift is given based on God's foreknown merit of the believer. Charisma is primarily a Pauline expression, though it occurs once, **1Pe 4:10**. The Holy Spirit sovereignly gives a spiritual gift to each believer at the point of salvation, **1Co 12:11**, for the common good. A spiritual gift is never earned, deserved, or developed through any form of emotional experience. The believer's recognition of his spiritual gift comes only through positive volition towards doctrine.

SPIRITUAL IQ

Spiritual IQ has nothing to do with one's human IQ. At the moment of salvation each believer was given equal privilege and equal opportunity to execute the spiritual life by means of the power of the Holy Spirit. Since God the Holy Spirit is our mentor and teacher, **Joh 14:26**, every Church-age believer has an unlimited spiritual IQ. Therefore, every believer can learn and metabolize as much Bible doctrine as he desires, and he can never be hindered by anything other than his own volition.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Spiritual maturity is the third and final stage of spiritual maturity. It is accomplished by the believer who has advanced in the spiritual life by executing the predesigned plan of God in his or her own dispensation. This high ground of spiritual maturity is attained after

the believer passes many tests of undeserved suffering and the various momentum tests. Spiritual maturity has nothing to do with sinless perfection, which cannot ever be realized in this life, but is characterized by virtue developed by an attitude of perseverance despite many failures. The mature believer has attained to the measure of the fullness of Christ, **Eph 4:13**. The life of the mature believer is also known as the super-grace life, **Jam 4:6**.

SPIRITUAL SELF-ESTEEM

Spiritual self-esteem is cognitive self-confidence and the beginning of effective function of the ten problem-solving devices of the predesigned plan of God for the Church. It is that virtue of God's plan whereby the believer's confidence is based on Bible doctrine; and the believer's respect for self is linked to grace-orientation. Spiritual self-esteem is the believer's dependence on God's grace provision for stabilizing self and integrating self into God's plan for the Church-age believer, **Eph 3:12**. Spiritual self-esteem is the foundation for the stability of the Christian life, and it is the believer's dependence on God's grace provision for stabilizing self and integrating self into the predesigned plan of God. This is the first stage of spiritual adulthood.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The battlefield for the Christian soldier is in the soul. Our warfare in the Christian life is neither physical nor fleshly; it is invisible and spiritual! We are to use our God-given assets (Bible doctrine, filling of the Spirit, etc.) to battle the forces and deceit of the great deceiver, the devil. Bible doctrine resident in the believer's soul is the only weapon capable of withstanding the barrage of attacks from our great adversary the devil, **1Pe 5:7-9**.

SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality is defined as the status quo of the believer that is filled with God the Holy Spirit. Spiritually is absolute and not relative. The believer is either 100% spiritual or 0 % spiritual at any given moment; there is no in between. No matter what stage of spiritual

growth a believer finds himself in, he is spiritual if God the Holy Spirit is controlling his soul.

SUBSTITUTIONARY SPIRITUAL DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

Substitutionary spiritual death is separation from God in a state of perfection and impeccability. This applies to Jesus Christ who died "spiritually" as a substitute for sin on our behalf. Since His spiritual death was efficacious and propitiated God the Father, by it eternal life is offered to all mankind, **Rom 5:8**.

SUPERGRACE

Supergrace is maximum glorification of Jesus Christ as the status, or lifestyle, of spiritual maturity, **Jam 4:6**. Supergrace is where the normal function of the royal priesthood and the production of divine good begin. The supergrace life is accompanied by the greatest form of undeserved suffering, evidence testing, which only serves to intensify the blessings of supergrace.

SUPREME COURT OF HEAVEN

The supreme court of heaven is where the Justice of God deals with the volition of man and angels throughout human history, and it is open twenty-four hours a day. Fallen angels appear before this court to accuse mankind, **Job 1:6, 2:1**, and these matters are dealt with by the Supreme Court Judge. Yet beyond matters of satanic accusation, all matters that demand action by the justice of God are dealt with in this court. Jesus Christ is the Supreme Court judge, **Joh 5:22**. The qualification to be the Supreme Court judge is based on two principles:

1. Jesus Christ is God. He is co-equal with God, superior to mankind, and perfect humanity in one person forever. Jesus Christ is the perfect judge.
2. Jesus Christ is qualified to be our judge since He was judged for the sins of the whole world.

SURPASSING GRACE

Surpassing grace is *"that in the approaching ages, He might demonstrate His surpassing grace riches in generosity toward us in Christ Jesus."* **Eph 2:7**. Surpassing grace is the optimum in spiritual achievement. It is the maximum place of blessing and reward, and the ultimate in glorifying Jesus Christ. Surpassing connotes something that is beyond supergrace and beyond time.

TABOO

Taboo is a prohibition arbitrarily imposed by a religious or social group. Taboos are not the basis for assessing sin.

TETRAGRAMMATON

Tetragrammaton means "four letters" and refers to the word JHWH, translated Jehovah or Yahweh in the original Hebrew. This proper name of Lord God in the Old Testament is used when referring to either one or all members of the Trinity. The Jews thought that this name was too sacred to utter so they used Adonai in place of JHWH.

THEOPHANY

A theophany is a manifestation of the person and work of Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate state. For example, the Lord appeared as many different theophanies in the OT. He was the Shekinah Glory in the temple, He was the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire, He was in the burning bush, and He was often seen as the Angel of the Lord (though He never became an angel). This is a theological category for the appearances of Jesus Christ before the First Advent.

TOTAL DEPRAVITY

Total depravity means that mankind is born in total spiritual death and therefore there is nothing in fallen man that God can find pleasure in or accept. Our flesh is totally depraved in God's sight!
Tit 3:5, Eph 2:8-9.

TONGUES

The gift of tongues was a temporary spiritual gift; so temporary that it was the first one to be discontinued in 70 AD, when Judah no longer existed as a client nation to God. Tongues were used at the beginning of the Church-age to warn unbelieving Israel of the approaching fifth cycle of discipline and the end of Jewish client nations until the Second Advent of Christ, **Isa 28:11; 1Co 14:21**.

TRANSCENDENCE

A theological term used to describe God as independent of and beyond the spatial limits of the created universe. No particular place can contain Him. He is in all places at all times. **Psa 139**.

TREE OF LIFE

The tree of life is associated with perfect life and environment in the Garden of Eden, as well as the perpetuation of the right relationship with God in the Garden, **Gen 2:9, 3:22**. Man does not see the tree of life again until the eternal state where it will be located forever in the New Jerusalem, **Rev 2:7, 22:2-4**. The tree of life in time is now related to doctrine, **Pro 3:18**, and positive volition towards doctrine, **Pro 13:12**.

TRICHOTOMOUS

Regenerate mankind consists of three component parts: body, soul, and spirit. Before salvation mankind is dichotomous, being body and soul. At the moment of salvation God imputes a third component, spirit, to man. See **DICHOTOMOUS**

TRINITY

The trinity is a title given to the Godhead that consists of Three Members each holding a specific function. God the Father as the author of the plan, God the Son as the executor of the plan and God the Holy Spirit as the revealer of the divine plan. God is three in person and one in essence.

TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION

The triumphal procession was the victory parade for the Lord Jesus Christ as He led a host of defeated captives in the third heaven, **Eph 4:8**. The third heaven was where the triumphal procession of our Lord terminated. Our Lord's triumph proceeded through billions and billions of light years of interstellar space to the third heaven. The triumphal procession terminated with the Father's command to "sit down at His right hand."

T TYPOLOGY

Typology is from the Greek word for form or pattern, which in biblical times denoted both the original model or the prototype and the copy that resulted. In the New Testament, the latter was labeled the anti-type, and this was especially used in two decisions:

1. The correspondence between two historical situations like the flood and baptism, **1Pe 3:21**, or two figures like Adam and Christ, **Rom 5:14**.
2. The correspondence between the heavenly pattern and its earthly counterpart, i.e., the divine original behind the earthly tent/tabernacle, **Act 7:44, Heb 8:5, 9:24**.

ULTRA-SUPERGRACE

Ultra-supergrace is the most advanced stage of spiritual maturity related to time, history, and the angelic conflict. Once the believer breaks the maturity barrier through the daily perception, metabolization, and application of bible doctrine, he moves into the realm of evidence testing as a star witness for the prosecution against Satan. If evidence testing is passed then the mature believer moves into the ultra-supergrace life.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

See IMPERSONAL LOVE

UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

The unlimited atonement is defined as the saving work of Christ on

the cross on behalf of every member of the human race. The burnt offerings of the Old Testament were accepted to make an atonement, **Lev 1:4**. However, animal sacrifices have no efficacy, **Heb 10:4**; only the perfect sacrifice of Christ is efficacious, **Heb 9:26, 10:5-10**. Jesus Christ died for every member of the human race. Atonement is the reconciliation between God and man, accomplished by the efficacious sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. Unlimited atonement and propitiation remove the barrier between God and man, so that every person in the human race can have eternal salvation.

UNPARDONABLE SIN

This is the one sin that cannot be forgiven even though Jesus Christ died for it on the cross, **Joh 1:29, 3:18, 36**. This sin is the rejection of Christ and His work on the cross. This sin is related to the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, **Gen 6:3, Joh 16:7-11, Heb 10:29**. Rejection of Christ is called "sin," **Joh 16:9**.

VERACITY

Veracity is the attribute of God that describes Him as absolute truth.

VIRGIN BIRTH

Since the old sin nature is passed down from the man in copulation, the seed for the formation of the body of The Lord Jesus Christ was implanted in Virgin Mary by way of the power of the Holy Spirit. God is the father of Jesus Christ and Mary was the mother. **Mat 1:18, 22-25**. The Gospel of Luke teaches us that the birth of Jesus resulted from a miraculous conception. **Luk 1:26-38**.

VIRTUE LOVE

See IMPERSONAL LOVE

VOLITION

Volition is mankind's free will to make one's own decisions. God cannot and will never violate man's free will.

VOLITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Volitional responsibility is the most common and the first cause for human suffering in general. Our emphasis here is on believers only. Every human being must take the responsibility for his own decisions and his own actions in life. You must understand that you can never blame others for your misery, your unhappiness, and your suffering. You take full responsibility yourself, based on your own wrong decisions related to your associations, your activities, your motives, and your functions in life.

WITNESSING

Witnessing is the communication of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the unbeliever on a personal basis, known as personal evangelism. Witnessing therefore is the responsibility of every believer. The believer is responsible only to communicate the accurate information concerning the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross. The believer is not responsible to make anyone accept the information!

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