

Review (24): Faith-Rest Drill: Doctrine of Divine Decrees: The Will of God & the Divine Decrees; Blessing of Man & the Divine Decrees: Elective Decrees

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THE SUPRALAPSARIAN ORDER OF THE ELECTIVE DECREES:

1. The decree to elect some to be saved and to reprobate all others.
2. The decree to create mankind both elect and reprobate.
3. The decree to permit the fall.
4. The decree to provide salvation for the elect
5. The decree to apply salvation to the elect.

POLEMICAL PRINCIPLES ON THE SUPRALAPSARIAN ORDER:

1. If Christ died only for the elect, then those who are reprobate cannot be sent to the Lake of Fire for failure to believe in Christ.
2. Part of positive volition at Gospel hearing is to believe that Christ was our substitute on the cross and that while there he suffered spiritual death while being judged for our sins.
3. So even if the reprobate could believe in Christ it would have no positive effect because Christ is said to have died only for the sins of the elect.

4. The reprobate is therefore born without hope and condemned to the Lake of Fire with no real possibility to take advantage of God's grace offer of salvation.
5. Consequently, the doctrine of limited atonement means the reprobate is born with an imperfect and tragically flawed soul in that it did not contain the provision of free will.
6. Supralapsarianism therefore promotes the false doctrine that the unbeliever is sent to the Lake of Fire because of his sins.
7. But the Bible clearly teaches that the unbeliever is sent to the Lake of Fire because of his failure to believe in Christ.
8. Further, Revelation 20:11-15 never mentions the unbeliever's sins as a part of his indictment at the Great White Throne judgment.

“The Computer of Divine Decrees”:

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