Principles on Predestination, Its Equal Privileges and Opportunities: Union with Christ & Positional Sanctification, the Divine Dynasphere; 5 Greek Words Defining Predestination

- 11. The predetermined plan is designed for those who from their own free will place their personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life. This is the true doctrine of predestination.
- 12. Predestination has nothing to do with an alleged divine selection of a predetermined few for salvation but rather a protocol plan that is designed to equip those who are saved with all the assets necessary to fulfill the plan and to qualify for conveyance of escrow blessings.
- 13. There are two major functions of predestination for the believer: (1) equal privileges and (2) equal opportunities.
- 14. The equal privileges include being adopted at the moment of salvation into the royal family of God, a privilege made real by the Holy Spirit when He baptizes the new believer into union with Christ resulting in positional sanctification. Being in Christ and therefore in His royal family means we share nine things possessed by Christ: (1) righteousness, 2 Corinthians 5:21, (2) eternal life, 1 John 5:11-12, (3) sonship, John 1:12; Galatians 3:26, (4) heirship, Romans 8:16–17; 1 Peter 1:4, (5) royalty, Colossians 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:11–12, (6) priesthood, 1 Peter 2:5, 9, (7) election, Ephesians 1:4, (8) destiny, Ephesians 1:5, and (9) sanctification, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30; Ephesians 1:4.
- 15. The equal opportunity of predestination is your very own palace, the operational divine dynasphere, an asset designed for the Church Age believers in eternity past.
- 16. The divine dynasphere has eight interlocking gates of function and include: (1) the power gate: the filling of the Holy Spirit, (2) basic Christian modus operandi: rebound, filling of the Holy Spirit, the faith-rest drill, and objectivity, (3) teachability: enforced and genuine humility, (4) spiritual momentum: perception and application of Bible doctrine, (5) spiritual self-esteem and motivational virtue: personal love for God, (6) spiritual autonomy and functional virtue: unconditional love for mankind,
 (7) momentum testing: thought, people, system, and disaster, and (8) the winner: spiritual maturity and conveyance of escrow blessing in time.
- 17. What we refer to in time as the protocol plan of God was originated in eternity past and defined by the word predestination.
- 18. There are five Greek words that reference the doctrine of predestination:
 - προορίζω, *proorizō*: To determine or decree beforehand.
 Predestination does not involve a predetermined plan only but also includes the individuals for whom the plan is devised.

Romans 8:29 - ... <u>those</u> whom He foreknew He also <u>predestined</u> to be conformed to the image of His Son ...

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προτίθημι, protithēmi: To predetermine; to determine beforehand; to ordain and establish before the fact; to decree that something will occur.

Ephesians 1:11 - In Christ we too have been claimed as God's own possession, since we were <u>predestined</u> according to the one purpose of Him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will.

πρόθεσις, *prothesis*: A predetermination or design of God; a predetermined plan.

Romans 8:28 - We know that to those who love God, all things work together for the purpose of good to those who are the elected ones according to a <u>predetermined plan</u>.

4) **προγινωσκω**, *proginōskō*: All that God has considered and purposed to do prior to human history; to foreordain.

Romans 8:29 - ... those whom He <u>foreknew</u> He also <u>predestined</u> to be conformed to the image of His Son ...

5) **προγνωσις**, *prognōsis*: To know beforehand; a predetermined purpose; foreknowledge:

1 Peter 1:1 - From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those temporarily residing abroad ... who are the elected ones

v. 2 - according to the foreknowledge of God the Father ...