James #71

Beware the gnostic lies of Satan!

At the end of the message today I will have a slide promoting our 2025 Bible Conference. So, if you are new you can take the information down and follow through on the website @ – prbministry.org.

Our current study in James chapter one, has us embarked upon a deeper look into God’s perfect plan which was approved and established through the Divine Justice system in eternity past;

/ Jam 1:18 **In the exercise of His will He gave us birth by the word of truth**, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.\

As we touched on last lesson, the divine decree is the sum total of God’s plan designed in eternity past. This decree was formulated under Divine justice, pure righteousness, as well as the accounting for God’s perfect will, His permissive will and overriding will.

The plan of God is always consistent with human freedom.

God does not limit or coerce human freedom; this includes both Bels and Unbels.

/Without interfering with free will in any way, God has designed a plan so perfect that it includes cause and effect, instructions, provisions, protection and function for all Believers. It is a plan that also considered and allowed Unbelievers freedom of thought and action. Under His plan God has decreed to operate both directly and indirectly in every detail through the agents of humanity, as well as Israel and the Church.\

However, there is a distinction between what God causes, like the cross, and what God permits, like sin.

As far as God’s overriding will, I believe it can be seen in certain historic events such as the parting of the Red Seas.

Supernatural events beyond what man and science can simply explain away.

It also occasionally can be seen in a much more subtle fashion when GOD had to make certain to adjust situations so the final outcome of His plan comes to fruition.

It is also a time when GOD can display HIMSELF, in an unmistakable fashion that forces mankind to look at HIS sovereignty.

/God’s perfect will unfolded at the Cross of Jesus Christ. God’s permissive will is seen in many aspects of our lives such as sin, evil, corruption and chaos. God created man with free will just as HE did with angels. GOD allows human volition, the freedom of thoughts and actions to function as a part of the plan. This is how Adam sinned. God is not the author of sin; man’s volition is the source of sin.\

The very fact that sin or evil exists, demonstrates that man has free will. God never condones or causes sin in the human race, and in the perfect environment of the garden, God warned man against sin and its consequences.

/Gen 2:16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “**From any tree of the garden you may freely eat**; 17 but from **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**, for on the day that you eat from it **you will certainly die**.”\

You can go over to 1John chapter 3 RF.

We will be there into the next message.

God creates everything perfect - it is the result of mankind and fallen angels that distorts HIS work.

The divine decrees which are related to the plan of God in both design and action and God’s divine laws, which regulate human conduct and help to balance this universe are two different legal decrees.

Though the Divine Laws created by God were also woven into the fabric of the Divine Decree, there are distinct differences.

/God’s Divine laws include laws of nature, laws of divine governance, laws of the chain of command concerning authority, law and order, as well as what we know as the 4 Divine Establishments (Free will, Christian marriage, Christian family & Nationalism). These all function for blessing in a national entity. When they are skewed or broken, what follows is subtle personal conflicts, followed by lawlessness that eventually turns into chaos.\

Again God creates perfection…mankind and fallen angels distort and destroy.

The plan of God decided by the Divine Decree in eternity past, covers all aspects of what we have been learning, it all centers around the person of Jesus Christ. The very core and foundation point us to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Now here is some background on these 3 letters from the Apostle John.

The Gospel of John and these three letters, were all written between 85 and 90 AD - give or take a year or two. All written before John would face exile on Patmos and there, on an island for the criminally insane, he wrote the book of Revelation. This was probably written in Ephesus.

Remember at this point…for the past 65 years, that did not truly have a completed canon of scripture.

They had some copies of circular letters written by Paul, Luke, Peter, Mark, James and now John.

Many teachings came from verbal discourse from trained men under the apostles. Now by 90 AD it is beginning to formulate into something written.

The Apostle John was not only a resident pastor in Ephesus but also at several other congregations.

The Apostle John had a few men he was training (possibly, Polycarp who trained men like Iranaeus, Eusebius.), yet at this historic point, the Apostle John was juggling several congregations simply by writing letters.

The Apostle John spent many years as the nonresident pastor-teacher of several churches, communicating Bible doctrine through the medium of the written page — non face to face teaching.

All of HIS writing is addressed to Christians, specifically those who were under his authority.

His main concern at this point was a group called the Gnostics who were spreading across the landscape starting shortly after the resurrection of Christ.

/1Jhn 3:1 **See how great a love** (*agape’*)**the Father has given us, that we would be called children** (*teknon*)**of God**; and *in fact* we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him.

In God’s perfect plan HE allowed (permissive will) for the imperfection of mankind, not to become a barricade for the opportunity to become HIS children.\

The reconciliation is through the precious work of Jesus Christ.

The barrier is broke down – the veil in the temple ripped signifying a new age, a new approach into intimacy with GOD.

Notice the foundation of the plan is seen in virtue love, Godly love – The only way we walk in that love is in UNION with Christ. (AH-GAUP-A)

The Greek term TEK-NON is affectionate for a child or a pupil, it is one who is learning and training… a child in the process of being educated under the Father’s loving hand.

/The Gnostic movement was the first satanic formation to bring into question the authenticity of the Doctrine of the Hypostatic union as well as the resurrection. They also attacked the core concepts of mystery doctrine – dispensations, Rapture, Believer priesthood of the CA, the equality of the Trinity, and the spiritual concepts of God the HS (indwelling and filling power).\

Gnosticism is a blended belief which combines Judaism with Greek philosophy, while dabbling into ancient mysticism, then sprinkling this new Christianity on top of the whole blasphemous mess!

Satan has always had agents attacking the foundation of the truth of BD.

He is the father of lies and the originator of the counterfeit.

/The core of the plan of GOD is Jesus Christ in HIS humanity, whenever that is in question you have attacked truth. He had to go to the cross in the same state in which Adam was created. Jesus went to the cross as a perfect man (doctrine of impeccability). God the Father could then legally, impute to Him our personal sins and then the justice of God the Father could judge those sins, the only way of eternal salvation. Jesus Christ could not do this as God. HE had to be the PURE, spotless LAMB of God.\

Jesus Christ in HIS deity had to become true humanity, and in His true humanity He had to walk for 33 years by the divine righteous standard under the filling power of GOD the HS.

The same divine power and perfect plan that has been given to us as the Christian way of life.

The two power options!

 REPEAT

This is why Jesus Christ must be taught with precise details within the accuracy of the Doctrine of the Hypostatic union.

To minimize or distort even in the slightest or to add into, or take from, anything related to that doctrine is false teaching.

 REPEAT

[1Jo 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/2/s_1162002) Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

/1Jhn 3:2 - *My beloved students and eager children under our heavenly Father’s guidance and plan*, *we know HIS (CHRIST) appearance is coming and we will be in HIS presence as HE IS (Rapture) in resurrected glory.*

Jesus Christ will appear at the 2nd Advent in a very physical and violent appearance that changes the atmosphere itself. This is pointing to a personal meeting (future), this will not be a battlefield meeting but a heavenly & intimate one – in the clouds of the air.\

The HUSBAND returns for His bride.

[1Jo 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/3/s_1162003) And everyone who has this hope *set* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Everyone, means the Apostle John addressed all the letters to these congregations…everyone who has this hope points to - BELIEVERS!

The Apostle John is now reminding them not to be distracted by these false teachers and to get focused on their walk toward Spiritual maturity.

To purify speaks to rebound…name and cite sin, keep short accounts, wash yourself and walk in union with Christ.

It is not a call into sinless perfection.

Do not lose the ground you have gained!

No one knows the day or the hour of the rapture, even in HIS humanity (Jesus) Christ could not place specific dates or times on end time prophecy.

That is God’s business, not ours.

The Rapture is immanent and could occur at any moment.

However, the immanency of the Rapture does not change our walk in time.

 REPEAT

Even if you knew that the Rapture would occur tomorrow you should stay steadfast in your current walk with GOD – forward motion is imperative.

In other words - have your nose in the Bible right up until that angelic trumpet sounds off in the distance.

/1Jhn 3:4 **Everyone who practices** (*poieō*) **sin** also practices lawlessness; and **sin is lawlessness**.

Everyone who prepares and is an author of sin (dominance in their life), is living a life of lawlessness producing for Satan, not God.\

This is pointing to organized production.

POY-YAY-O, is a Greek verb for production, doing a serious work, focused on a job to bring forth a result.

This is very purposeful.

The present tense, tells us this is a lifestyle. The active voice points to the individual’s personal responsibility.

[1Jo 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/5/s_1162005) You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

The first advent of Christ was for the payment of the sins of the whole world – it was God’s plan and God’s divine solution on display, available for this lost and dying world.

IN UNION with Christ the sin nature has no power. It is nailed to the cross of Christ. You can never be in the NEW nature and the OSN at the same time.

/[1Jo 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/6/s_1162006) **No one who remains in Him sins *continually****;* no one who sins *continually* has seen Him or knows Him.

No one who abides (continually dwelling) IN HIM walks in a lifestyle of sin. Those who CONTINUALLY (lifestyle) live in sin have no intimacy with HIM.\

The word continually - is obviously not in the original context.

The way this it is written points us to a lifestyle. Because of the use of the Greek present tenses and the active voices it is speaking about lifestyle choices, meaning this applies to Unbels or Bels heading into apostasy.

 REPEAT

1Jhn 3:7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

Only Christ is righteous, therefore to walk in a lifestyle of righteousness means you are in the NEW Nature more often than the old sin nature.

[1Jo 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/3/8/s_1162008) the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

We will pick it up here on Sunday and also we will do the Lord’s Supper.

I believe I am being pressed by the HS to get into a longer series on very important set of principles related to the plan of God for the CA.

Possibly subject matter I have sat on for several years and now may be the time to let it come forth.

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