1Thess #38

Introduction to the doctrine of Lapsarianism.

Open in 1Thessalonians chapter two.

This is a pen and paper type of message so please be prepared.

I believe all Bible classes require your notebook but something like today will demand it!

Today we are going to open up a brief but important study and it will take us into some complicated theology, so it will be important to really pay attention.

I will use the next two lessons to bring it down where the rubber meets the road and only keep the bulk of the teaching on the true and real doctrine.

Because there are counterfeits and confusing definitions in relation to other beliefs about this subject matter. We will remain fairly steadfast, on focusing upon the real doctrine that I believe is accurate.

I stand by my lineage of spiritual fathers, forefathers and scholars that I fall under. These types of doctrines bring frustration and strife, amongst differing Christian denominations - of which I am not one.

/The doctrine of Biblical Lapsarianism, points us back to eternity past. It looks at the core decrees God would have to have completed during the initial Divine Decree before the foundation of the world. It explains election, free will and predestination in relation to fallen mankind.\

Let us look at where God the HS has led us on this study of deeper theology that most Christians and even some pastors are clueless about.

1Thes 2:14 For you, brothers *and sisters,* became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

[1Th 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/15/s_1113015) who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all people,

/[1Th 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/16/s_1113016) **hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved**; with the result that they always reach the limit of their sins. But wrath has come upon them fully.\

In the Divine Decree of eternity past God knows everything and everyone! HE is not fooled or surprised by anything, so even our current study that the Apostle Paul had written, that he was being hindered GOD – needs clarification.

GOD knew and worked it all out in eternity past.

No one is ever held back from hearing the truth of Jesus Christ!

Since the Protestant Reformation of the 15th & 16th centuries, versions of this doctrine have spun off in several different directions.

Most scholars fall under one of the five teachings of the Doctrine of Lapsarianism;

/John Calvin’s versions of this deep theology fall under Infralapsarianism, Supralapsarianism, Sublapsarianism. Armenian Lapsarianism, is closer to what real Biblical Lapsarianism covers. Though even Jacobus Armenian’s version falters slightly. There is one Biblical version of the Lapsarian viewpoint that fully accounts for God’s sovereignty and HIS omniscience’s.\

It is Biblical Lapsarian theology that I stand by and I will explain to you.

/Lapsarian theology is basically- *“the order of God’s decrees.”* Many theologians seek to understand the mind of God as revealed in Scripture with respect to the logical or conceptual relationships between God’s eternal decrees. (Decree is the proper context) God says something once and everything is done. God did not sit calculating everything and adding one item at a time. Understanding the divine power of God’s sovereignty and omniscience attributes among others, is paramount in understanding accurate theology.\

Biblical Lapsarianism, the true, the real can only be one.

The basis for this modification of Lapsarianism over hundreds of years is the doctrine of God’s essence or attributes, specifically HIS omniscience & sovereignty.

As far back as the 12th and into the 16th century, the Roman Catholic Church was dealing with very intelligent men of God who began digging deeper into the original context of scripture. This upset the leadership of the RCC because they wanted to keep congregations in the dark and control the narrative that they were the sole communicators of God’s word.

They also knew that they were adding books and manipulating scripture to suit their greed and power lust. These new scholars began to question their narrative and really began the journey into deeper theology.

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Knowing this historical fact, we now know that Biblical theology increased over hundreds of years.

There are 5 decrees related to the creation of the foundation of the world. Specifically for creating mankind that had to be complete before GOD created the perfect environment of the garden for the original man and woman.

/1. God decreed free will, offering HIS creation freedom (perfect will).

2. God would then have to decree (permissive will) the failure of the creation due to free will. No creature can be pure righteousness as GOD is.

3. God then decreed salvation through unlimited atonement (overriding will) all resting on the person and work of the 2nd member of the Trinity TLJC. Anyone who believed would be given Christ’s pure righteousness.\

/4. God decreed through HIS own justice system (perfect will) that anyone who rejected the person and work of Christ would stand upon their own merits.

5. God decreed through HIS justice system (perfect will) that election and predestination would be available through Christ to all who believe upon HIM. This would also be the defining completion and response to angelic rebellion or human rebellion once and for all time.\

God’s perfect justice system was able to offer fallen mankind eternal security while at the same time allow the angelic conflict to play out with a definitive end and everlasting verdict.

In fact, within these, 5 core decrees we see a resolution to the angelic warfare.

 /1. God decreed the creation of all mankind with a free will in the status of perfection to resolve the prehistoric angelic conflict.

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are **all things**, and through whom are **all things**, in **bringing many sons to glory,** to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings.\

There is a theme here that points backward into eternity past when angels were created perfect in a perfect environment.

They first existed in heaven.

They also were given a free will, GOD allows freedom as HIS first divine establishment in creation of HIS creatures.

/ 2. God decreed to permit the fall of mankind through the function of man’s own self-determination (freedom). Angels had a fall, therefore man must have a fall to resolve the conflict and rebellion once and for all time. This also gives a hint to to the possibility all angels fell in eternity past. (Rev 12:4) Some stayed with Satan, most repented back to the heavens.\

There could be billions of angels we simply do not know.

But at least one third remained in rebellion with Satan and at the creation of earth as we know it was the final opportunity – which would be the re-shaping of the earth seen in Genesis chapter one.

Angels occupied the earth before mankind.

/Rev 12:4 And his tail **swept away a third of the stars of heaven** and **hurled them to the earth**. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.\

The fallen angels attempted to taint the bloodline of humanity and they kept trying to destroy Jesus Christ.

To devour the CHILD speaks to attacking the humanity of Christ.

/ 3. God decreed to provide eternal salvation for all mankind under the doctrine of unlimited atonement. God cannot be unfair, unjust or lie therefore HIS justice system has to be the filter to any and all judgement. This means God does not arbitrarily assign anyone to hell. God’s justice system is flawless and only righteousness can pass through it. Not one shred or shadow of sin or failure can pass through HIS justice system.\

By unlimited atonement it is meant that all sins in human history were imputed to Jesus Christ on the Cross and judged, so that Christ is the issue and not sins.

/2Cor 5:19 namely, **that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their wrongdoings against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

This is a legal standard and a legal settlement.\

God’s justice system only could accept the work of Christ – HIS impeccability was the standard.

/1Tim 4:10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have set our hope on the living God, **who is the Savior of all mankind**, **especially of believers**.

The justice system of God already determined that the person and work of Jesus Christ would satisfy the legal standard for the sins of ALL mankind. (Titus 2:11)\

When we try to add to or take from the work on that cross, we are stepping into the divine courtroom of heaven and arguing against the justice system of God.

It is a blasphemous attack not only on Jesus Christ but God the Father’s justice system!

Anyone who teaches against Unlimited Atonement or eternal security is teaching false doctrine as the Apostle Peter pointed out;

2Pet 2:1 But false prophets also appeared among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduced destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

Jesus Christ bought us with HIS own blood! The price paid for all SINS!

Jump over to 2Corthians chapter 5.

TLJC surpassed the legal standards.

/1Jhn 2:2 and He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins**; and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* **the whole world.**

*Hilasmos-* fully satisfactory, atonement for what was legally owed. It has met the legal standard. \

HILL-LAS-MOS, means legally satisfied. It also dates back to what the Levitical Priests would offer as sacrifice for sins, it was the expiatory sacrifice.

/2Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that **one died for all**, therefore all died; 15 and **He** **died for all** (*hyper pas)*, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but for **Him who died and rose on their behalf**.

 (1Tim 2:6, Heb 2:9)\

The Greek preposition HUPER plus the genitive of advantage from the adjective PAS - always means *“as a substitute for everyone without exception.”*

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/4. God decreed to leave the Unbels to their own choice of spiritual death because free will means responsibility. Rejection of Christ has a legal result of standing upon your own merits and power. Condemnation, was a justice system standard that points to equal opportunity of volitional responsibility. A fair justice system is clear on results and firm on the outcome.\

/Jhn 3:18 “The one who believes in Him is not judged; **the one who does not believe has been judged already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

God filtered everything through HIS justice system and the Divine Decree of eternity past.\

People that reject Christ basically tell GOD that they want to stand on their own legal-council at the end of life as we know it.

One of the last decrees of the original core of the Divine Decree related to creating mankind points to election and predestination.

/5. God decreed simultaneously in eternity past both election and predestination for Bels only. This is the basis for equality for all believers in the Church Age. The Unbel is never predestined to hell. This would nullify all of God’s justice system in every other area. It would neglect the fact that Christ gave HIMSELF up for all the sins of the world. Everyone who ends up in the lake of fire (angel or human) has rejected Christ wilfully.\

Any person with a mental disability or under an age of accountable, who has never become God conscious, with specific details pointing to faith alone in Christ alone, ever goes into the everlasting lake fire.

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God’s justice system that I have begun to explain today has no flaws, no failures and no injustice…ever!

Let me close today with 3 elections all Bels should be clear upon.

There are three elections in human history.

/1. The decree for historical election includes the election of true Israel—

Rom 9:6 “It is not as though the word of God has failed. For **not all those who have descended from Israel are true Israel**.”

This holds the dual meaning of Bel and Unbel as much as it holds to the fact that not everyone who claims to be of original descendants of Abraham are of original bloodline.\

Historical election also covers any events in history being incorporated in the overall plan of God.

I have explained to you in recent months of the Khazarian mafia who built the Khazar Empire. This is a counterfeit of Judaism and a culture of evil that are satanists.

/2. The election of the humanity of Christ in the dispensation of the hypostatic union. Our election is directly resting upon the election of Christ. Jesus was elected to fulfill the unique calling of saviour and Lord as well as KING. All humanity can receive blessings and rewards only because of HIS election. Our royalty, priesthood and ambassadorship are Christ-dependent.\

The reality is God elected and predestined all of humanity for the opportunity of eternal blessings and rewards in TLJC. The cross ensured salvation and took care of the sin issue.

The resurrection ensured we all will live in eternity with HIM in perfection.

The ascension tells us we are allowed and going to follow TLJC into the heavenly realm.

The session was the victory protocol that all enemies of Christ and HIS bride will be brought to justice in operation footstool.

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It also signified Royalty of all of eternity, meaning Christ on HIS throne and we are in union with HIM.

Yet all of that, hinges on the one shot, free will decision of - faith alone in Christ alone.

God laid out the perfect plan for everyone ever born. It comes down to what we do with the volition HE gave us.

/3. The election of the Church as the body of Christ and royal family of God. We are a unique dispensation as all dispensations are. Our blessings and rewards are of eternal value, divine royalty, privilege and opportunity for abundance, yet again this ensures equality is not guaranteed. Every Bel will begiven exactly what they have honestly, pursued in relation to heavenly crowns or blessings and rewards.\