

Review: Infralapsarian Order of the Elective Decree; Purpose & Result of Salvation, John 20:31; 3:16; a Statement of the Gospel; Y & Z Radicals

At spiritual birth, a believer benefits from the two judicial imputations of the *Y* radical: (1) the transfer of his sins to Jesus Christ on the cross and (2) the imputation of God's righteousness to himself. This sets up the potential to receive escrow blessings in time. Maximum knowledge of biblical doctrine produces "hope" or "confidence" in the fact he will receive these rewards in time.

The assets that come with election enable the believer to make the advance and enter into the *Z* radical where eternal life and temporal blessings produce the third potential of escrow blessings in eternity. When doctrines of eschatology are added to this potential then the mature believer acquires the "hope" or "confidence" that he will receive eternal escrow at the evaluation tribunal of Christ. This divine objective results in:

2. The decree to apply salvation those who believe in Christ.

Principle: Each individual must first choose God's plan of salvation, after which, God decrees to save that person's soul and impute eternal life to his human spirit.

This is the purpose and result of the Gospel as expressed in:

John 20:31 - These are written for the purpose that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have as a result eternal life in His name.

John 3:16 - "God so loved the world, that He gave His uniquely-born Son, so that [*ἵνα*, *hina*: introduces both purpose and result] whoever believes in Him [responds to the Gospel] shall not perish [purpose] but have and hold eternal life [result]."

To avoid false and fuzzy Gospels it is necessary that there be a simple statement of the Gospel that contains all the necessary information so that when a person believes its message he can be assured he is saved, possesses eternal life, and will go to heaven when he dies. Such a statement might read as follows:

"Jesus of Nazareth, Who is both perfect God and sinless Man, was sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the human race after which He died, was buried, and three days later was resurrected from the dead. The *purpose* of these things is so that anyone who believes them will be delivered from retribution in the lake of fire after he dies. The *result* of these things is so that anyone who believes them will be delivered into eternal life and will go to heaven when he dies. Do you believe this?"

- 28. "The Equation of Hope" illustrates the plan of God for the human race in salvation and for believers in time and eternity. As the believer acquires the knowledge that converts potential into reality in the *Y* and *Z* radicals he also develops courage toward life and circumstances.
- 29. The development of "hope" or "confidence" in the soul of the believer is accomplished by the inculcation of two areas of spiritual growth:

1. In the *Y* radical the “confidence” that accrues in the soul of the advancing believer finds its source in: (1) *epignōsis* understanding of the several categories of divine essence, (2) the Infralapsarian order of the divine decree, (3) the modus operandi for the four spiritual mechanics, and (4) the central doctrines of systematic theology (including a general inventory of (1) Theology: God, (2) bibliography: the Bible, (3) angelology: angels, (4) satanology: Satan & demons, (5) anthropology: man, (6) hamartiology: sin, (7) soteriology: salvation, (8) Christology: Christ, (9) Pneumatology: the Holy Spirit, (10) ecclesiology: the church, and (11) eschatology: prophecy).

These doctrines give the believer the *courage* he will need to face the momentum tests of thought, people, system, and disaster testing that must be passed in order to convert the second hope into reality: escrow blessing in time.