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The Pastors Message:

God's Sovereignty Part 13

Subject – The God Father, the administrator of the fullness of time in Christ

Text - Ephesians 1:10 *"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"*

When you read 10 commentaries and get 10 different reactions then you must sit, pray, and ask God for the actual thought of this scripture or His thought's in writing the scripture to us. Sometimes different Pastor, churches, and readers will also have their thoughts about a passage, but again it is all about context, the context is the right answer. As I have spent many weeks and have written many articles in this passage, I believe I understand the thought and context in which God was talking about in this passage. Therefore, here is my thoughts on Verse 10. And this is a truly blessing of a scripture.

This is what this scripture tells me, "The Administrator or Distributor or the Controller of the fullness of time which is the preordained things being revealed in time according to the Father's election, the Father will oversee the processing of these fullness of time, gather all things given to Christ by the Father, the Father will gather them all in unison whether it things is in earth or heaven, it is all in Christ because Christ has earned His heritage.

So here is how I came to this conclusion:

The word "dispensation" means - administration of a household of estate – but here it is the administration (or the management or oversight) of the fullness of times. I love this thought because what it truly is saying, God the Father Himself is the administrator of the fullness of time of all thing that were ordained or predestinated in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world. Look at it this way, if someone passed away and left me to be the "administrator" of their property and goods I would be in charge (as the administrator) of distributing their goods and property. But you might ask how does this equate to "the fullness of time and of things in Jesus Christ"? Before the foundation of the world the Father gave Jesus Christ a heritage and the Father is going to make sure everything is fulfilled in Christ in the end, or after "all the fullness of times" has reached its end and has been fulfilled. Let me go farther in this explanation for you. Jesus Christ (the Father's Son) has an inheritance given to Him before the foundation of the world.

The Father through His power has pre-ordained or predestinated or set all things aside for Jesus Christ His Beloved Son. We (the believers) whom the Fathers elected as children are part of that inheritance, therefore the Father has given those elected and all things in heaven and earth to His Son as His heritage. In doing this the Father set predetermined times in the fulfilment of these different events in the Son's inheritance. For example, the Father predetermined or ordained Jesus death, every detail was ordained of God, not one single detail was left to chance, not one. *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"* Galatians 4:4 When the predestinated time come to its fulfillment God sent His Son Jesus to be born of a woman, and Jesus was born the exact time that God had ordained it to be. Every detail of His birth was predestinated and executed or carried thru by the power of the Father. Therefore, Jesus Christ birth happened just as the Father wanted it to be as He chose, nothing left to chance The Father oversaw every detail. His life on earth and everything Jesus accomplished was ordained and executed in the exact timeframe the Father predetermined it to be because the Father oversaw it and executed His will. Jesus's death was also, because His death had to be sufficient to the Father's order of satisfaction for our sin debt. The Father did not leave this to man, God knowing the hearts of everyone involved elected each person to each event from the betrayal, to the arrest, to the judgments, to the execution of the beatings, to the carrying of the cross, to all actions on Calvary to His death, burial, and resurrection. Everything had to be pre-ordained and the "administrator" had to see it thru, it did not just happen, it was all done exactly as the Father ordained it and executed it. This is exactly what we have talked about in these studies, we have seen the predestination now we see the execution in the order ordained and overseen by God the Father as the administrator of His Will. The thought here is this, God ordained, predestinated, and executed every detail of everything in Christ. God left nothing to chance, God left nothing to man, or to anything in creation. Every detail and the execution of every detail The Father was the dispensation or administrator of the details and the execution of details. Nothing with God "just happens" God did not get "lucky" and it all worked out, God does not work that way. The planning and overseer and pushing all the buttons (so to speak) is God the Father.

If people would read and could understand the scriptures in their correctness, they would understand that the Father never depended on man for nothing. The Father controls people, and if He did not control the people there is a chance He could fail, and **the Father cannot fail**. Why if they had not carried through with the crucifixion, why if it was stopped, that is not the way our Father operates. There are so many details to Christ inheritance, so many working parts to the Fathers gift to Christ and every detail and working part must reach its preordained outcome in the exact working of the Father ordained timeframe. The only way it can is that the Father must be the Overseer and Administrator of His own will. Therefore, salvation is in totality of God the Trinity, no part of salvation is in man's hands, none. God blessed the churches in allowing them to preach the gospel and God uses that gospel to save sinners. The gospel is a seed that only God can give life too. This is how God controls everything in Christ, The Father gives people parts to do, but the Father gives it all life. God cannot fail; therefore The Father controls the details of carrying to fulfillment of His own elected will. *"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.* 1 Corinthians 3:5 - 8

When the cold winds are whistling over your grave

By J. C. Philpot

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Cor. 4:18

How really empty and worthless are all human cares and anxieties, as well as all human hopes and pleasures—when viewed in the light of a vast and endless eternity!

In twenty years, today's price of oil will probably mean little to you. But it will matter much whether your soul is in heaven or hell.

When the cold winds are whistling over your grave, or the warm sun resting on it—what will it matter whether sheep sold badly or well at the market?

Could we realize eternal things more, we would be less anxious about temporal things. It is only our unbelief and carnality which fetter us down to the poor things of time and sense.