

## **VOLITION – MAN’S ROLE IN GOD’S PLAN**

The world contains God’s plan & perspective and the devil’s plan and perspective, with each of us forced to choose which plan to accept for our eternal & temporal destiny.

- a. Man was originally free to choose yet was tempted & persuaded by the devil.
- b. After the fall, man is born condemned, with an Old Sin Nature making us vulnerable to the devil’s ideas
- c. Without the Holy Spirit, man unable understand spiritual ideas & therefore unable to choose for God
- d. God offers man a way out – Conviction of the Holy Spirit enables the unbeliever to understand gospel choice

**The one thing that God will never do is coerce the volition & choices of His creatures to force us to believe His way or another way**

**Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

- God created our blessings before He created the earth – launched them in time so that what He has provided will intersect our lives at the moment we need it.

**Grace:** God does all the work; man, only receives God’s Grace provisions by faith through using his volition to believe the truth at the right time in the right circumstances – we must learn to utilize His provision

### **What is God’s job in the grace system and what is man’s job in the grace system**

#### **1. God the Holy Spirit - Filling – Walking – Enlightenment – Empowerment – Leading/guiding**

- a. **Filling** (Eph 5:18)
  - **pleroo** PPImp - Absolute influence → obedience; freedom from sin
- b. **Walking** (Gal 5:16-17)
  - Sustained filling by obedience
  - Desire Old Sin Nature gratify desire any way any time; the Holy Spirit satisfy desire God’s way in His time
- c. **Enlightened** (Eph 1:18)
  - **photizo** – Passive voice – work of the Holy Spirit, believer receives action
  - The Believer takes charge of the eyes of his heart looking for the light given by the Holy Spirit Empowered (Eph 3:16-19) power to understand full extent of His plan & love for bel’s
  - Power to resist Old Sin Nature, power to operate NM belief system to live CWL
- d. **Guiding** (Jn 16:13)
  - To guide us into all truth; Rom 8:14 – led by the Holy Spirit
  - The Holy Spirit gives light, understanding about fulfilling our needs/desires God’s way – look/listen
- e. **Fruit** (Gal 5:22-23)
  - A mind-set produced by the Holy Spirit + truth of God’s word.

**Everything spiritual that happens inside the believer is because of the ministry of HS.**

2. **Spiritual Growth** - stages of growth Brephos, nepios, pais, teknon, huios → mature adult
  - a. Desire (1Pt 2:2 as newborn babes, desire milk of word – **epipotheo** AAImpv a choice
  - b. Hear God makes available everything believer needs to understand & do His will
  - c. Believe Positive Volition – inhale the word for the purpose of assimilating it into belief system
  - d. Apply (Jn 14:26) the Holy Spirit will recall principles to apply to situations
  - e. Speaking truth (Eph 4:11-16) – mutual edification through speaking truth one another
  
3. **Purification** – removal of previous programmed demonic/**kosmos** sourced influences
  - a. Confess/sins – (1Jn 1:9) mental, verbal & overt sins
  - b. recognizing old habituated patterns; break old habits; remove false beliefs
  - c. Recognizing false images – eyes of heart & false ideas – inner dialogue
  - d. Requires adversities of life flushing out wrong thinking – journeys in the desert
  - e. Remove old images & inner dialogue from belief system – reject & remove reactions
  
4. **Develop New Man** – practicing NM thinking, strengthening spiritual skills (Faith Cycle; Enduring under pressure); defeating devil's world; develop confidence & tranquility
  - a. Max knowledge of Categorical Bible Doctrine + the Holy Spirit = assemble New Man belief system – mind of Christ
  - b. Replace old beliefs & patterns with New Man beliefs, perspectives and habits.
  - c. Intentional New Man images – eyes of heart (Eph 1:18-); Intentional inner dialogue – truth
  - d. Habituate New Man beliefs, strategies & spiritual skills into automatic functions in the soul
  
5. **Love & Intimacy with God** – life beyond mechanics, love life with God in your soul
  - a. Human Need (Jn 7:37-39) – empty place in the heart of man only filled by God the Holy Spirit
  - b. Only God in your soul with you, never leaves you, always loves & comforts us
  - c. True fulfillment results from God filling the empty place in our hearts
  - d. Love for God is the ultimate motivation for living life – inspires our loyalty
  
6. **Virtue Love for all Mankind** – (Jn 17) – basis for world seeing the reality of Crist in us
  - a. Committing our every resource to mission of edifying others, as much as they allow, whenever they allow, needing nothing in return, holding nothing back from the Lord
  - b. Examine your life, resources, ask self what you have that you hold in reserve for you, that you wouldn't give to God for His use to save others or feed others
  
7. **Victory in Angelic Conflict** – reaching place of maturity where God allows us to be confronted by the forces of evil seeking to discredit & destroy us.
  - a. God calls us to the witness stand in the courtroom of the Angelic Conflict – witnesses for grace
  - b. Our faithfulness under extreme pressure proves what fallen angels could have had

(Mt 25:14-30) Parable of the Talents: those who made the most out of the resources God allowed in their lives was the basis of: **WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**