

Pastor's Pen

Can God's Compartments be Comprehensibly and Comprehensively Critiqued by Humankind?

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There is yet even more in what eternal workings imbue, as to what is in store than what is presently revealed. The venue of eternal intentions is championed in the Scriptures' expressions of those that are vessels of His mercy. Romans 9:21 states, "Has not the potter power over the clay ... of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?" Romans 9:23 states, "and that He might make, having made known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory." Notice in the context that these "vessels" were previously assigned, i.e., *πολῆσαι* (**pee-ee-seh**) literally rendered "to make, having made," (prepared) separate vessels unto honor as opposed to dishonor but they are all *ἐκ τοῦ αὐτοῦ φυράματος* (**ehk ton ahf-too phee-rahm-ah-tos**) rendered "out of the same lump." God is the potter and according to His specifications in eternity, He designed His elect as *εἰς τιμὴν σκεῦο* (**ees tee-meen skehv-o**) rendered "a vessel unto honor."

What too many of God's aren't aware of is that their salvation wasn't THEIR DECISION IN TIME but GOD'S DECISION IN ETERNITY! The vessels of wrath fitted to destruction were assigned such according to God's Sovereign Decree. In this view, the accentuated question is since none choose their own way and follow their own course, can any reply against God and ask Him "Why have you formed me thus?" and thus allowed these circumstances in my life?" The informed response of sovereignty (God's inherent right to whatever pleases Him) from the passage is Romans 9:20-21's statement, "No, but, O man, who are you that reply against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, why have you made me thus? Hasn't the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor and another to dishonor?" The bottom line is that the potter (God's sovereignty) owns clay, (all humankind) and is justly under deference to Him, as He molded some out of (worthless) clay; for His glory, "vessels of mercy!"

The Grace Gospel Church Ministry believes and teaches that a "vessel of mercy" is the resultant nature of GOD'S DIVINE AND SOVEREIGN GRACE. Any "reply against God" is both rampart arrogance and ignorance. Earthly resonations in physicality/secularity inquire: "why does God allow this?" Heavenly in Christ resonations in eternity inquire: "how this works grace?" The scripturally informed answer is that ALL is according to His Will, i.e., everything functions in fulfillment of the counsel of His Will in Eternal Purpose. In this sense, ALL is in concurrence and harmony with Eternal Intentions; hence nothing transpires in departure from such. "Vessels unto honor" are exactly and completely God's Eternal Design. God solely is the molder and sustainer, which eliminates/negates ALL "external" inquires or replies from depraved creation in urging, willing or forsaking of His Decree. God's sovereign control is instilled in His faithfulness, in having achieved in eternity, "vessels of mercy," according to the pleasure of His Will (Ephesians 1:9).