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God Determines, Not Permits

By Norman Grubb

What would seem to the outward eye to be clearly contrary to the character of God as love, that whatever befalls me, or whatever apparent horrors are happening in the world, God sent those, God determined that—not just permitted them.

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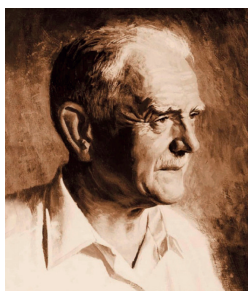
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And I think we see the explanation clearly enough when we have got it clear that outer sufferings are not the real suffering, but inner sorrow is—in other words, the way we take a thing.

We saw in the account of the Fall that suffering was to be humanity's greatest blessing. Even before there was a human race, we are told in Hebrews 2:10 that the only way the Father could have a matured, perfected family of sons could be by His own Son, their Creator, becoming perfected as Leader-Savior and Elder Brother by sufferings. Why? Because only by opposites can a thing be known in its reality: only by a full experience of the wrong way can we be established in the right.

So sufferings cry out to us that something is dreadfully wrong with our condition, and compel us to find our release from them, and from the inner sorrow which is their effect on us. In our blindness, which attributes the suffering to the outward conditions which appear to make us suffer, we seek to escape by altering the outward conditions. But at last, by His merciful pressures on us by suffering, the Father compels us to face up to the truth: that our true sufferings are within and not without. They are because we are inwardly committing the one fundamental sin of "the evil heart of unbelief."

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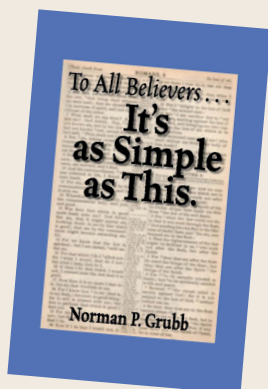


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Sins are put out of sight forever, but what about the self that appears to keep sinning? Sins, the product, are no longer our problem. The sin-producer is—which appears to be our sinful self. We who are desperate for the fullness of God in our lives start a second and deeper misery. The misery of the convicted sinner is his sins. The deeper misery of the born-again saint is his apparently inconsistent self! A radical discrepancy increasingly distresses him. He thankfully recognizes goodness (righteousness) proceeding from him in new love, joy, peace and self-control etc., and he is quick to say they are not from him but are the fruit of the Spirit now being manifested in his newborn life (Gal. 5:22, 23). Good things proceed from him which are the fruit of the good Spirit, but then bad things are also evident which must mean he has some bad nature expressing them. So then he says that he is twofold. That is where the fallacy, which has so taken over the evangelical church, is believed and accepted by the believer. If the good is from the Spirit, where does the bad come from? The answer supposedly is a bad nature still in me. But there is the fallacy and deceit.

We humans never had a nature of our own but were created to contain and manifest God in His divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). Temporarily, unless we choose to remain so, we manifest, through the Fall, our badness which we falsely attribute to our human selves. But our question should be, if we don't attribute our goodness to ourselves but to the Spirit of

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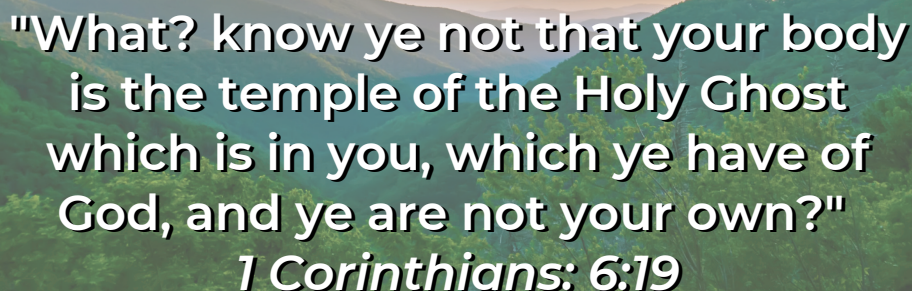
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Righteousness, why then don't we attribute our badness to the spirit of badness? Why put our human selves in? We have been bemused and muddle-headed. So here is our agony, and we see the perfect purpose of God. Unless we see and experience the sin of sins, the lie of the independent self, and have come to a disillusionment and hatred of it (as Paul in Rom. 7:14-24: 'O wretched man that I am...') as deep and thorough as our disgust and hatred of our old life of sins, we might revert to it again.

“ *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 John 3:9)* ”

Once we know the total truth of ourselves, we shall not revert to the falsity of independent self any more than a saved sinner reverts to his sinful condition (1 John 3:9). (We can be caught up again in a particular sin, but never again into occupation by that sin nature of Satan—the difference between sins and sin. We must get this clear).

Therefore, it has been of necessity that we humans, if we are for eternity to be spontaneous expressers of the God of self-giving love in His nature, must first have tasted to its roots the deceiving nature of the god of self-getting love, that god of deceived independent self (Is. 53:6 '...every man turned to his own way...') and, at all cost, have sought deliverance from it—that 'hunger and thirst after righteousness' of Matthew 5:6.



**"What? know ye not that your body
is the temple of the Holy Ghost
which is in you, which ye have of
God, and ye are not your own?"**
1 Corinthians: 6:19

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The Death-Resurrection Principle of Intercession...

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(See John 12:24) The Death-Resurrection Principle of Intercession as the highest of our earthly callings is still known and entered into by only a few of the redeemed members of the Body of Christ. Plainly enough, though, Paul gave us his own experience in Romans 6-8. As he found so painfully and with difficulty in his Romans 7 travail, the 'death' of that lie of our being independent selves comes to those of us who will stop at nothing in going what he called that perfect way of Christ as us.

But as we move in by the bold choice of faith (as by the affirmation of Galatians 2:20), the Spirit will bring us that same light of revelation which Paul had. Inwardly we will 'see' our wonderful God-made human selves as solely expressers of His Spirit of Truth in place of that false spirit of error. And we will settle into our true God-ordained condition, as out

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from us flows the river of the Spirit, as in John 7:37, 38. Nothing then can stop us from joining what Peter calls 'the royal priesthood' of intercessors with, as Paul said, 'death working in us, but life in you.'"

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Question

Recently, I have been faced with a difficult situation and have been trusting that God is in it for His good purposes. But I am not at peace about it and have been assaulted by fear and doubts. I keep praying for peace, but nothing seems to change. How can I be sure I am truly trusting Him?

Answer

Let me encourage you by reminding you of truth I know you know. “The trusting God issue”—Just because you have unwanted feelings when you are trusting God does not mean that you are failing to trust God. Trusting God is just that— “trusting God.” It is a spirit, faith thing. Feelings—fear, dread, nervousness—are all soul things and have nothing to do with spirit. Trusting God does not mean that our feelings will change when we walk the faith walk. Nor will we necessarily get the outcome we want. It simply means that we know God is in control and whatever the outcome is it is His perfect love way for us. We could get a lot of folks to believe the truth as we know it if our soul feelings became what we would like when we put our trust (a spirit act) in God. This of course is true in any area of life.

Don’t worry about praying for and getting peace. We can’t obtain peace because PEACE is not a feeling—it is who God is. It is also who we, along with everyone who knows they are joined to Christ at their Spirit center, are. Remember Norman’s revelation when He prayed for love and God showed him the Scripture, “I will share my glory with no other.” Here Norman saw that God would be LOVE in and through him. Peace is knowing (spirit) that everything in our life is God’s perfect love will for us who trust (doubting nothing) and obey Him. The Bible makes this clear. It also makes it clear that it is not true for the disobedient self-relying ones.

And of course, you being Christ-operated, it is who you are. You can FEEL nervous and as afraid as a scared cat (all soul). None of that touches who you are at your Spirit center where you and Christ are one SPIRIT. Neither does it have anything to do with the PEACE that you are in Christ.

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Words To Live By

We are liberated to recognize that there never was anything basically evil in our human selves, any more than there was anything basically good (Rom. 7:18). But as formerly sin-expressers through Satan in his sin form indwelling us, now we are God-expressers through Christ in His holiness nature indwelling us. So we boldly now accept ourselves and be ourselves with no condemnation, with no change necessary in our human selves created in His image, for the radical change is in the one expressing himself in his nature as us. There is no change of our human self (which had no nature) but of the deity owner and indweller expressing his nature by us. We are free to be—now kept by our keeper.

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