

THE DECREES OF GOD

The decree of God is His purpose or His determination with respect to all things before the foundation of the world.

Scripture used:	Context:
Romans 8:28 Ephesians 3:11	It is not decrees it is a decree...God's one act of His infinite mind about future things.
Acts 15:18	God knew all acts from the beginning of the world.
Psalm 2:7 Ephesians 3:11 Acts 2:23 Ephesians 1:9 Romans 8:29 Ephesians 1:9 Ephesians 1:11	Decree Eternal purpose Determinate counsel & foreknowledge The mystery of His will That He also did predestinate Of His good pleasure God's decrees are called His "counsel" to signify they are consummately wise. Called God's "will" to show He was under no control, but acted according to His pleasure.
2 Timothy 1:9 Ephesians 1:4	Grace was given to them Chosen in Christ before the world began.
Romans 11:33 Isaiah 40:13-14 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Isaiah 46:10 Ephesians 1:11	Judge what is unknown by what is known. God was alone when He made His decree. God's counsel was solitary It can not be based on any conditions of men. God's works are based off of His counsel of His will.
Luke 2:52	Christ is both God and man. He is omniscient, yet "increased in wisdom". He was almighty, yet was "crucified through weakness."
2 Corinthians 13:4	He was the Prince of Life, yet He died. High mysteries are these, yet faith receives them unquestioningly.

"Whether God has decreed all things that ever come to pass or not, all that own the being of a God, own that He knows all things beforehand. Now, it is self-evident that if He knows all things beforehand, He either doth approve of them or doth not approve of them; that is, He either is willing they should be, or He is not should be. But to will that they should be is to decree them.

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Romans 8:28	All things work to His good to them that love God. Because you are called according to His purpose – not yours.
Romans 11:36	All things are “for”, “through”, and “to” Him are all things.

Points:

1. The decrees of God relate to all future things without exception: whatever is done in time is foreordained before time began.
2. The decrees of God are wise. Wisdom is shown in the selection of the best possible ends and fittest means of accomplishing them.
3. They are free. God was alone when he made His decree and He determined them by no external cause. He was free to decree or not to decree, and to decree one thing and not another.
4. His decrees are absolute and unconditional. The execution of them isn't suspended upon any condition, which may or may not be performed.
5. Read the last chapter on page 16 (The Attributes of God by: A.W. Pink)