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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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Biblical “Absolutism” Defined

In the spectrum and realm of spiritual religion, with all the volumes books which have been written by the hands of human creatures, expressing their intellectual perception of a supreme deity; whether it be Mohammad of the Muslim world, or the writings of Buddha, or those of the Hindu religion, NONE can equal the inspired, preserved WORD OF GOD, the Holy Bible.

Men have made great achievements in medical science, engineering, space research, warfare weapons, and many others, especially in the past 100 years. Yet, nothing in all these devices of men that have been invented are absolute in their function. Nothing in this world’s systems is faultless and, in time, is subject to failure. Space travel for instance; many shuttle launches and return trips have been made, yet on three occasions astronauts have lost their lives from defects and failure of systems and/or devices. Medical science can diagnose many diseases and have advanced in medical fields to even eliminate some diseases, but, NOTHING is absolute in this world and perfectly free from failure, as man is limited in his ability to be free of imperfection because he himself, by nature, is born imperfect and the curse of sin makes man unable to attain perfection in his endeavors.

The Holy Bible STANDS ALONE among ALL the books that have ever been written as the ONLY book of “ABSOLUTES.” Oh, some can argue that there are books that display attributes of absolutes such as mathematics, history and books of languages, etc., but, in regard to the subject of God and man, there is NO book that has stood the test, nor been used to bring the true understanding of God and his Spiritual kingdom to those to whom God has been pleased to reveal it as The Holy Bible.

God alone is ABSOLUTE, and his divine decrees and purposes shall come to pass as he has determined aforetime. God alone is perfect, ultimately free from restraint and is totally unlimited in his character and attributes to fulfill ALL his will as he pleases.

The God-called minister can stand before God's people with all confidence that the book to which he refers in his attempt to preach and teach is the ABSOLUTE WORD of GOD. The Bible tells us that there "is NO variableness, neither shadow of turning" with God (James 1:17).

Among Old Baptists over the years, there has been a bad taste in the mouth of many regarding this term "Absoluter." Because some of years past, in ignorance, have taken the subject beyond the truth and have declared heresy regarding the use of the term. They used "absolutism" in an attempt to defend their sinful actions and ungodly deeds. This is the rank MISUSE of the term and a departure from its true Biblical intended teaching from history's account.

If God permit me to tread softly and graciously as I enter into the depth of the matter, please bear with me. The Historical teaching from the Old School, Strict & Particular, Predestinarian Baptists, which migrated to the land of America, endorsed the doctrine of "absolute predestinarianism," which is threaded throughout the entirety of the Bible.

The very first disobedient fall of Eve, and the following of her spouse in that same rebellion, did not take the Holy God Almighty Jehovah by surprise, nor was it a mere foreknowledge that pacified the Almighty in his observations of the fall of the human race. God can ONLY do righteousness because he alone is HOLY and PERFECT: To determine Eve to fall to the deceptive lure of the serpent that God himself decreed his Son to be the redeemer of an elect fallen remnant out of that fall for his Church and from this same remnant to be his glorious bride in time.

God CANNOT sin, only the creature sins. If God be totally sovereign, he can determine and decree ANYTHING and be righteous in doing so. Although the creature be revealed the matter of sin from the revelation of God, the Almighty never fails to be righteous in his decrees and purposes, whether in time or eternity.

Some proof ponderings of scripture, if God has written the elect's names in the Lamb's book of life BEFORE the foundation of the world, was it not prior to the actual fall? Therefore, God determined the fall and had afore-chosen the elect redeemed lot before man's first sin was committed.

Second, God had made it clear in his command, "Thou shalt not kill," yet, God in his divine purpose, killed ALL of mankind except eight souls in the flood. Was that sin?

Third, In the event of Joseph and his brethren, they left him for dead, yet in God's purpose, an Egyptian caravan was directed to the exact pit in which Joseph was captive and delivered him, to redeem his brethren in time. His brethren meant it for his harm and demise, yet God determined it in his sovereign purpose for GOOD. It was SIN committed by his brethren, yet God determined the means, as well as the outcome, for his glory.

Fourth, David gazed over the balcony of his palace, saw the beautiful Bathsheba in such a lustful manner; had his servants bring her to his chamber. David, in a sinful season of pleasure, lie with Bathsheba in an adulterous bed and then had her husband killed to attempt to cover his sin. Question: Could David have done differently? Was the Word of God to have this divine record for our example and warning? And that David, throughout his remaining years, as he penned the Psalms, recorded his remorseful heart caused by his sinful deeds of the past. Plus, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinners, his fleshly body come through the lineage of David and Bathsheba, as he is called, THOU SON OF DAVID.

Oh! My beloved brethren, our sovereign God who called the planets and ALL the heavenly host into existence by the word of his SON Jesus, has decreed ALL things that come to pass fulfilling his divine purposes for HIS OWN glory and praise and, yet, PERFECT in ALL his ways. Even the creature's sin shall prove to work the perfect sovereign pleasure of the Almighty in the end result of ALL things; GOD being Holy, perfect, righteous and unlimited in his sovereignty to do as he pleases among ALL creation and it is called RIGHT.

And with all said, the creature under the fallen state of depravity in sin's prison, shall NEVER say, "the Lord hath made me do it." We are mere clay in the potter's hand; he manipulates us as he pleases, and molds us into that which shall fulfill his will, whether in righteousness or in our cursed sins cast into outer darkness for eternity.

Yes, I am not ashamed to be called an "absoluter," as my GOD is absolute in ALL his ways and purposes. His WORD shall continue to be absolute, EVEN when the earth is a flaming inferno burning ALL the elements with the intensity of the fire of God's judgment.

Humbly submitted, by a sinner blessed with hope,

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