

“SPIRITUAL MYSTERY SERIES”
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Sixth Mystery: Of His Will

Eph. 1:9

Having made known unto us the **mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

1. His will is based on Grace

This grace is extended to his Kingdom citizens, and is not meant to be just a nicety!
This is, by which, God’s will was formed and now sustained. **This is God’s grace!**

It is a **sea of grace**:

-“**sea of grace**” because, not only of its **depth**, but also of **its mysteries**.

(See Baptist Expository Commentary on Ephesians Ch. 1)

...according to the good pleasure of his will,

Laboring on this phrase is a pleasure to the soul.

-It’s a treasure that contains **mysterious manna**.

Note:

When you think of the **food** that just appears for the Israelites in the wilderness, it is very much like this **food** prepared for the true Israel of God in the New Testament, as we have “**fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**”

2. His will is based on a single purpose. “**The Eternal Purpose**”

“**According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord**” Eph. 3:11

** Eternal means “never a moment” without a purpose

1- Purpose = plan or resolve (singular)

2- Eternal Purpose = purpose for the ages

* **Never a time when God had a blank mind or no purpose**

* **Never “made up His mind” or finally worked out a plan**

* **God did not have to “condition” or have a “contingency” in His plan due to sin!!**

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It’s a Holy Burden to Preach the Unsearchable Riches

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is **this grace** (deep and mysterious) **given**, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ” Eph. 3:8

3. His will is based on sovereign decrees.

1- Elect some / Reprobate rest

2- Create

3- Permit Fall

4- Provide salvation for elect (Christ)

Our concern is **Salvific Election as opposed to Vocational Election

5- Call elect to salvation (Holy Spirit)

Eph. 1:11

“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose (eternal & single) of him who **worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**”

Note: All of mankind does not finally arrive at their eternal lot arbitrarily.