

## **PLANNED FATHERHOOD**

We hear a lot about planned parenthood but little about our lesson title, Planned Fatherhood. In today's lesson text, James teaches us of the original concept of Planned Fatherhood. James does it through Greek syntax.

(Jas.1:18) "In the exercise of His will (boulomai/ a.p.ptc.nsm) He [The Father of Lights] (Jms.1:17) brought us forth (apokueo/ a.a.ind.3ps) [gave birth] by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures."

- Can you see Planned Fatherhood in it?

The action of the aorist passive participle (a.a.ptc.) precedes the action of the main verb (a.a.ind).

- The means that the "exercise of His will" precedes "He brought us forth (gave birth to us).

<b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Planned Fatherhood from James 1:16-18.</b>
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### **1. In our lesson text,**

James teaches that the Plan of God established at the eternal life conference (ELC) decreed that every member of human race who believes the gospel of His Son would be born from above (saved) by grace through faith. **[word of truth]** (1 Cor.15:34; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

#### **In James 1:18**

- The Greek word **Boulomai** [His Will] is listed first in the Greek sentence to teach us that the plan of God proceeded God sending His only begotten Son into world to save mankind by grace.
  - **(boulomai/ a.p.ptc.nsm)**
    - Aorist           Eternal Life Conference (Eph.1:4-5)
    - Passive        Decreed spiritual birth from above (John 3:3, 7, 10)
    - Ptc. Nsm       Means "a mind settled on the word of truth regarding meeting the need for salvation from AOS (Adam Original Sin) on basis of grace".
  - **(apokueo/ a.a.ind.3ps)** (gave birth) is the main verb, the result of boulomai (His will).
    - Aorist           Point of salvation – believing the gospel of Jesus Christ as planned at Eternal Life Conference.
    - Active         Volitional act of believing the gospel (Rom.1:16)
    - Indicative 3ps   Reality of Planned Fatherhood resulting from salvation.
- [One of twenty status privileges](#) – available in the Abba Father-son relationship, never to be lost in time nor in eternity (Rom.8:15-17)

**QUESTION:** What happened between the Eternal Life Conference and our salvation that caused every member of human race to have a need to be saved?

## 2. The cause was the fall of Adam (Gen.2:17; 3:1-7; Rom.5:12, 14).

It was decreed at the Eternal Life Conference that God would send His Son into the world to redeem the human race from the [thirteen judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin](#) (John 3:16; 1 John 2:1-2; Rom.5:8; Titus 2:11-12).

**QUESTION:** Why was the only solution the gospel of Jesus Christ and grace salvation?

You might think, "it's such a narrow door to salvation!" (Matt.7:13-14; [John 10:1-9, 17-18; 14:6](#); Eph.1:7-8).

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive".

(1 Cor.15:45) So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

(Col.1:13-14) "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins".

(Acts 26:18) "to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me".

## 3. James is teaching that Planned Fatherhood was decreed at the Eternal Life Conference and given to each believer at moment of salvation; and it can never be lost in time or eternity.

It is one of those "good and perfect gifts from above, coming down from the Father of Lights." (Jas.1:17) ([50 Things of Salvation](#))

(2 Pet.3:9) "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." (1 Tim.2:4-6)

God's Father-son relationship with each believer in time and eternity is what makes (Rom.8:28), (Heb.12:7), and (Lk.15:11-32) important to the spiritually mature believer.

- It must "come from above" because God is the source (Jas.1:17).
- It must "come down from the Father of Lights" to the one believing (Jas.1:17).

## 4. In conclusion,

James is teaching the spiritually advancing believer that his security of salvation and the Father-son relationship is NOT based on the mutability (ever changing) will of the believer, but ON the immutability (never changing) Will of God.

(Jas.1:17) "Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is **no variation or shifting shadow.**"

(Heb.13:8) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

(Mal.3:6) "For I, the Lord, do not change."