

THE ETERNAL LIFE CONFERENCE

A new member recently said to me, “I have heard you refer to the eternal life conference. You have not taught on it since I have been attending. Would you do a study on it?”

The eternal life conference (ELC) was a heavenly convocation held among the members of the Godhead to lay out The Plan of God before the foundation of the world

“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.” (Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.1:20; John 17:24; Deut.29:29)

This lesson will study FOUR aspects of the doctrine of the Eternal Life Conference.
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1. At the ELC, The Plan of God was put into Divine Decrees in terms of the language of accommodation.

By language of accommodation, angels and mankind are able to understand the things set forth by divine decree in The Plan of God. Creation would manifest the invisible attributes and eternal power and divine nature of God (Rom.1:18-21; Matt.13:35; 24:35).

Creation of universe: “When He set for the sea its boundary, so that **the water** should not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth.” (Prov.8:29; Matt.8:23-27) [“What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”]

God spoke to Job about creation in the language of accommodation in Job 28:25; ch.38; Ps.148).

Creation of man: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female.’” (Gen.1:26-27; Elohim) [Plural / The Godhead]

2. The Godhead (theiotes) was the council for the ELC and the essence of the Godhead is the source of its success (Eph.4:4-6; 1 Cor.12:4-6; John 10:30; 17:5).

The Godhead: Coequal and eternal yet distinct in function in the plan of God.

- The **sovereignty and omnipresence** called and attended the ELC.
- The **omniscience** was the origin and source of The Plan of God decreed at the ELC.
- The **omnipotence, immutability, and veracity** guarantee The Plan of God.
- The **justice-righteousness** established the faith-grace program.
- **Love, eternal life, and holiness** established grace salvation for mankind by the second member of the Godhead.

Divine decrees are the sum total of The Plan of God for the human race throughout all human history with emphasis on the believer. This is the reason that one event occurs or passes from the category of impossible to possible – “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1: 34-38)

“Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the **name of Jesus every knee** should bow, of those who are **in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil.2:9-11)

3. **It was decreed at the ELC that the second member of the Godhead would be the visible manifestation of the invisible Godhead and Savior of the world (John 3:13-17; 4:24; 6:32-33, 62; 7:33; 14:12, 28; 17:5, 24; 20:17; Acts 1:11; Heb.9:26).**

“And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:3)

“Jesus said to him (Philip), ‘Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (John 14:9; 8:26)

It was decreed at the ELC that The Plan of God would be centered in the person and work of Jesus Christ (Eph.1:3-11; 3:11-12; Heb.1:1-5; 1 Pet.1:20-21; 1 Cor.15:22, 45)

“And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.” (1 John 3:5)

4. **It was decreed at the ELC that all member of the Godhead would be subordinate to the plan of God.**

“Jesus said to them (the disciples), ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.’” (John 4:34)

“I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father.” (John 8:38-40)

They, all three members of The Godhead will never act independent nor in opposition to each other as decreed in The Plan of God (Matt.4:1-11; 2 Cor.4:4; John 8:38-47; 16:13-15; Matt.26:39, 42).

What about Believers? What about YOU?

“And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that YOU may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Rom.12:2)