

C. Order of the Soteriological Decrees

1. Statement of the Views

Several orders of the decrees of God viewed especially in relation to soteriology have been proposed in the history of Christian Theology. We shall consider four such views.

a. Supralapsarianism

- (1) The decree to predestinate (election and preterition)
- (2) The decree to create fallible men
- (3) The decree to foreordain the Fall
- (4) The decree to accomplish redemption for the elect, through Christ
- (5) The decree to apply Christ's redemption for the elect, and to condemn the nonelect for their sin

b. Infralapsarianism

- (1) The decree to create fallible men
- (2) The decree to foreordain the Fall
- (3) The decree to predestinate (election and preterition)
- (4) The decree to accomplish redemption for the elect, through Christ
- (5) The decree to apply Christ's redemption to the elect, and to condemn the nonelect for their sin

c. Amyraldianism

- (1) The decree to create fallible men
- (2) The decree to foreordain the Fall
- (3) The decree to make redemption possible for all, through Christ
- (4) The decree to predestinate (election and preterition)
- (5) The decree to apply Christ's redemption to the elect, and to condemn the nonelect for their sin

d. Sublapsarianism

- (1) The decree to create fallible men
- (2) The decree to permit the Fall
- (3) The decree to provide redemption for all mankind, through Christ
- (4) The decree to establish the human condition upon whose fulfillment redemption would be applied
- (5) The decree to predestinate (election and preterition)
- (6) The decree to apply Christ's redemption to the elect, and to condemn the nonelect for their sin

2. Analysis and Critique of These Views

a. Supralapsarianism

(1) Analysis