

AN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE LOGICAL PROBLEM FROM SUPRALAPSARIANISM, or
IS THIS ANY WAY TO GET SUPRALAPSARIANS OFF THE HOOK?

What about the following scenario of the order of God's decrees:

- (1) Predestination of possible mankind, in two classes: the elect to favor, the nonelect to disfavor
- (2) Creation of actual mankind (Adam and Eve and their natural descendants) in one of the two predestinated classes
- (3) Foreordination of the fall of actual mankind
- (4) Appointment of Christ to accomplish redemption from the fall for the elect
- (5) Determination to apply Christ's redemption from the fall to the elect, and to condemn the nonelect for their sin

Putting this scenario in terms that facilitate analysis results in the following:

- (1) God decided that, if He were to decide to create mankind, He would create mankind in two classes, elect and nonelect, and would show favor to the elect and disfavor to the nonelect
- (2) God decided to create mankind in the two above-mentioned classes
- (3) God decided to permit the fall of mankind
- (4) God decided to send Christ to expiate the guilt and penalty of the elect and to earn righteousness and eternal life for them
- (5) God decided to apply Christ's salvation to the elect by His Word and Spirit, and to condemn the nonelect to eternal destruction for their sin

Have we solved the logical problem of having predestinate creatable and fallible man? That is, have we gotten around the problem of God's predestinating human beings whom He has not yet decided to create or to permit to fall? is the predestination of possible mankind a meaningful concept? And would a predestination of possible human beings to general favor or disfavor be what our supralapsarian friend had in mind?