THE DOCTRINE OF LOGISTICAL GRACE

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Philippians 4:18,19

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

LOGISTICS

"Logistics" is a military word which refers to the military science of supply, provision, and planning of troop movement.

Logistics is the provision, movement, and maintenance of all resources and services necessary to sustain military forces. Logistics involves [a nation's] economic capacity and the nation's capability to support its military forces.

Logistics is also defined as the military science of planning, handling, and implementation of personnel under every possible military condition.

[See Wikipedia article "Logistics".]

Logistics includes the design, development, acquisition, storage, movement, distribution, maintenance, evacuation, and disposal of material. It includes hospitalization of personnel, and the construction and maintenance of housing facilities.

Logistics must be distinguished from administration. Administration is the management of all services and resources necessary to sustain military forces. Administration implies management, and management is the function of logistics. Therefore, the two [are distinct but] inseparable.

Hence, "logistics" is a technical military term for sustaining troops in every form of military activity and maneuver, i.e., in the barracks, in the field, in the battle, before the battle, and after the battle.

Logistics is the science of supporting troops in advance, retreat, evacuation, reconnaissance, attack, exploitation, and pursuit. The battle of Dunkirk in World War II is a dramatic illustration of the importance of logistics.

From this military nomenclature comes a Bible doctrine based on analogy. Logistics always plays a very important and dramatic part in warfare, but logistics plays an even greater part in your life as a [Christian]. Every believer is alive today because of logistical grace.

LOGISTICAL GRACE

The word "logistics" [is derived] from two Greek words.

LOGISTES, an inspector of accounts, an auditor, a calculator

LOGISMOS, a thinker.

Logistical grace is defined as "divine planning, divine support, divine provision, and divine blessing for the execution of plan of God by the royal family for the fulfillment of God's will, purpose, and plan for the Christian life.

Logistical grace includes three factors of divine provision.

1. **Life support** is provided for every Church Age believer. This explains how and why we are alive every moment. The only reason we are alive is because of logistical grace. We do not earn or deserve it; there's no work we can accomplish to keep ourselves alive.

Lamentations 3:22

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

2. **Blessing** is provided for every Church Age believer, both winners and loser. This dramatizes the justice of God, in that the justice of God sends life support and blessing to the indwelling righteousness of God in both winners and losers. This emphasizes grace. You are alive only because of the grace of God, not because of anything you do. Winners utilize logistical grace, losers coast on it, but never utilize it.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

3. **Divine provision** for every Church Age believer to execute the protocol plan of God. All doctrine comes from the prepared pastor-teacher. If you have persistent positive volition, you will find doctrine and your right pastorteacher.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The basis of logistical grace is divine integrity.

God is infinite, eternal, and absolute holiness, which may be classified as divine integrity or absolute unchangeable divine virtue.

The integrity of God is composed of His perfect righteousness and justice. God loves His own integrity. Four principles related to the integrity of God apply:

- 1. What the righteousness of God rejects, the justice of God judges.
- 2. What the righteousness of God accepts, the justice of God blesses. This is the basis for logistical grace.
- 3. The justice of God administers what the righteousness of God demands. The righteousness of God in accepting

certain things demands blessing from the justice of God. This is the basis for logistical grace.

4. At the moment of salvation, the righteousness of God is imputed to the believer by the justice of God. The righteousness of God demands blessing from the justice of God whether we fail or succeed as Christians. This is why God provides logistical grace to both winners and losers.

[Topics: Integrity of God; Attributes of God (Divine Essence); Justice, Judgment, and Judging. wd]

Christians who fail to execute the Christian life still have the [dozens of] things they received at salvation, one of which is the righteousness of God. This means God will support and sustain you regardless of how deserving or undeserving you are.

[Topic: Salvation Doctrines]

At the moment of salvation through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God is imputed to us. This is true in every dispensation.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

There are three results from the imputation of divine righteousness to the believer.

Justification. God looks at His righteousness imputed to us and declares us to be righteous. We receive instant justification,

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

God's love changes from impersonal love to personal love toward His perfect righteousness imputed to us. God can now love us personally.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We receive logistical grace.

In the function of the policy of grace, there can be no compromise of divine attributes. God has found a way, through logistical grace, to bless each believer without compromising His attributes.

God's perfect righteousness is the *principle* of divine integrity, while God's perfect justice is the *function* of divine integrity. That is the basis for logistical grace.

- God cannot accept anything less than perfect righteousness as the object of divine blessing.
- Therefore, God cannot bless anything less than His own perfect righteousness.

The indwelling righteousness of God is the recipient of all life support and all blessing from God. The grace pipeline excludes human merit and ability from all blessing.

The justice of God is the source of life support and blessing. Divine justice is the point of reference with mankind since he sinned.

Between His perfect righteousness and justice, God has found a way to administer logistical grace blessing to every Church Age believer.

The principle of logistical grace demands that divine justice provide life support and blessing to the indwelling righteousness of God.

Therefore, the grace pipeline is established between the two attributes of divine holiness or integrity. This pipeline excludes man's works and ability; man doesn't earn or deserve any of these things.

Romans 3:22

Even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."

Matthew 6:33

Seek first the kingdom of God and His [imputed] righteousness, and all of these things shall be added to you."

2 Corinthians 9:8 defines logistical grace for us.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything [logistical grace support and blessing], you may have an abundance for every good of intrinsic value production."

The basis for logistical grace includes both the possession of divine righteousness imputed at salvation plus the human spirit created by the Holy Spirit at salvation.

Besides providing life support and blessing, logistical grace is for the perception and execution of the plan of God. Everything is provided, so that every believer has equal privilege and equal opportunity to execute God's plan and glorify God. As a part of this aspect of logistical grace, the following assets are given to us.

- The creation of a human spirit at the moment of salvation.
- The teaching ministry of God the Holy Spirit.
- The provision in every generation of male believers with the gift of pastor-teacher. This gift is a part of logistical grace to communicate Bible doctrine to you.

Logistical grace is imputed through the grace "pipeline".

At [the beginning] of the pipeline is divine justice, the source of divine blessing to all believers, winners or losers. At the end of the pipeline is divine righteousness, the recipient of divine blessing given to every Church Age believer, winner or loser. This pipeline cannot be destroyed; it does not suffer from any "metal fatigue."

The source of all logistical grace blessing is the justice of God, this means God is fair in supporting winners and losers alike. Since God is perfect, it is impossible for God to provide blessing for imperfect believers. We are not blessed because of what we do for God, but because of what God has done for us.

Therefore, the pipeline excludes all human ability, morality, talent, giving, sacrifice, service, or any other patronizing function of legalism as the source of divine blessing.

The existence of this provision after salvation means that God is free to bless all believers, winners and losers, spiritual or carnal, without compromising His own divine attributes. God found a way to bless us through the divine policy called *grace*. God cannot accept anything less than perfect righteousness and cannot bless anything less than perfect righteousness.

Consequently, the justice of God sends His grace blessing down the pipeline. All life support and blessing to both winner and loser comes this way. This means that in logistical grace, the justice of God is the source of all divine support and blessing, and the righteousness of God is the recipient of that divine support and blessing.

Divine justice can only bless perfect righteousness.

The integrity of God is both the guardian of the divine attributes and the believer's point of contact with God.

In the function of divine grace there can be no compromise of divine attributes. God has found a way to provide logistical grace for the believer without any compromise of His attributes.

God's perfect righteousness is the *principle* of divine integrity. God's perfect justice is the *function* of divine integrity. Therefore, God cannot accept anything less

than perfect righteousness as the object of His divine blessing. And man's righteousness is unacceptable to God.

God the Father was motivated by impersonal love to solve the problem of how to bless man. And He solved the problem through His justice.

From the moment of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, perfect divine righteousness resides in every member of the royal family,

Romans 3:22

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

This means the believer is qualified to receive life support and blessing whether he succeeds or fails in the Christian life.

In this way, logistical grace avoids any compromise of divine attributes. In this way, logistical grace is compatible with the integrity of God.

Summary

- God's righteousness demands righteousness; God's justice demands justice. What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes. The righteousness of God demands that justice discipline us when we sin. When filled with the Spirit, the righteousness of God demands that we be blessed.
- The righteousness of God is the principle of divine holiness, and divine justice is the function of divine holiness.
- What the righteousness of God rejects, the justice of God condemns.
- What the righteousness of God accepts, the justice of God blesses.
- The justice of God administers what the righteousness of God demands.

Biblical Documentation.

2 Peter 3:18

But grow by means of [logistical] grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Logistical grace is support and supply for growth,

Philippians 4.5

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

"At hand" means interposition, within supporting and supplying distance.

The Lord is within supporting distance.

Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

The Testimonies of Logistical Grace

The anthropomorphic testimony is found in

Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

The Biblical definition of logistical grace is found in

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having a sufficiency in everything [logistical grace support], you may have an abundance for every good of intrinsic value production."

The context for this verse is giving. If your attitude is right, God will provide for you to give. In fact, we are really God's stewards with the money He entrusts to us.

How is God able to make all grace abound in giving us things? The answer is "Logistical Grace".

Note that this sufficiency is not qualified by occurring during prosperous times. You have a sufficiency in all circumstances, including maximum historical disaster. There is no historical situation or circumstance to which this does not apply.

David gives the testimony of old age to logistical grace.

Psalm 37:25

I have been young but now I am old; yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken [logistical grace given to imputed righteousness] nor His seed begging bread."

This means that logistical grace blessing to you can extend as far as the third generation.

The testimony of the shepherd is found in

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

It is impossible for anyone who has imputed divine righteousness to lack anything because the justice of God sends life support and blessing to all believers, both winners and losers.

Grace depends on God's reputation, not ours.

You do not fear anything under dying grace.

The **rod** was used to "spank" the sheep for discipline. The **staff** was used to rescue sheep from danger. Both discipline and deliverance are a comfort to the believer who knows doctrine.

As long as you live, logistical grace will pursue you.

The testimony of Paul is found in

Philippians 4:19

My God shall supply all your needs [logistical grace support] according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

God will never run out of riches to support you. "Riches" refer to God's virtue.

The testimony from our Lord is addressed to the apostle Paul.

2 Corinthians 12:9

Then He assured me, `My grace [logistical grace] has been and still is sufficient for you. For the power is achieved with weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may reside in me." "Weakness" refers to grace orientation as a problem solving device. It refers to humility, lack of arrogance, and to suffering for blessing in the three categories of providential preventative suffering, momentum testing, and evidence testing.

Weakness is our part; in the grace policy we rely on God's strength to us.

We boast in the sense that we understand Bible doctrine, in the sense of esprit-decorps; not in the sense of arrogance. We boast in the sense of self-confidence in spiritual self-esteem, independence in spiritual autonomy, and invincibility in spiritual maturity.

"That the power of Christ may reside in me" is a reference to the fact that Jesus Christ indwells his body and occupation with Christ as the ultimate problem solving device. It is also a reference to our spiritual growth, following the pattern of the humanity of Christ in the previous dispensation of the Hypostatic Union. The pattern of our Lord's spiritual growth was as follows.

- Spiritual self-esteem plus providential preventative suffering resulted in our Lord's spiritual autonomy.
- Spiritual autonomy plus momentum testing resulted in our Lord's spiritual maturity.
- Spiritual maturity plus evidence testing resulted in our Lord's strategic victory in the Hypostatic Union. His strategic victory included His impeccability, His saving work on the cross by means of His spiritual death, followed by His physical death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and session at the right hand of God the Father.

The testimony of the prophet Jeremiah is found in **Lamentations 3:20-25**, written as the fifth cycle of discipline was being administered.

20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

[Topic: Chastisement (Divine Discipline)]

What gives Jeremiah faith under pressure? He applies logistical grace to the situation.

The integrity of God is the basis for logistical grace support and blessing, not the worthiness of the believer.

Even as they marched to Babylon, enslaved under the fifth cycle of discipline, the Jews were reminded every morning that they wake up that God is giving logistical grace to them. Since they are still alive, God has a purpose for their lives.

The Jews failed God so that the nation has fallen. Yet the faithfulness of God never changes, for His grace continues to provide for them in disaster.

The verb for "trust" in Lamentations 3.25 is qal active participle of QAWAH, referring to a rabbit finding refuge in the cleft of a rock. This connotes the use of the problem solving devices.

The Lord becomes very important to many believers in times of disaster; whereas in times of prosperity, the Lord isn't nearly as important to many casual believers. Casual attitudes toward the Lord disappear when disaster comes.

For those who do seek the Lord and trust in Him through the use of the ten problem solving devices, they will have a fantastic and magnificent life.

[Topic: Problem Solving Devices]

Logistical grace is the basis for the perpetuation of the believer's life in time

no matter what disasters may come. God sustains the life of every believer on planet earth in spite of Satanic opposition, the policy of evil, opposition from others, and our tendencies for self-destruction. We have a propensity for self-destruction; yet God keeps us alive in spite of ourselves and in spite of others.

Logistical grace keeps the believer alive.

No believer can live on this earth apart from logistical grace support.

Hebrews 2.14

"That through death He might render powerless him who has the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who, through fear of death, were subject to slavery all of their lives."

One of the greatest enslavements in life is fear of death.

Logistical grace plays a fantastic role in keeping winners and losers alive.

Psalm 33:18

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who respect Him, on those who wait for His grace to deliver their soul from death, and to keep alive in depression."

Psalm 56:13

For you have delivered my soul from death, indeed my feet from stumbling, that I may walk with God in the light of life."

To walk with God in the light of life means you know about logistical grace so that you appreciate it and therefore utilize it.

Psalm 116:8

You have rescued my soul from death."

Under logistical grace, God can and does prolong life.

Psalm 79:11

According to the greatness of Your power, You preserve those who are doomed to die."

Proverbs 14:27

Reverence for the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snare of death."

Psalm 68:19-20

Blessed be the God who daily bears our burdens [logistical grace], the God who is our deliverance. God is to us a God of deliverances, and to God belongs the escape from death."

Under logistical grace, God preserves us from death.

Logistical grace includes six categories of support.

1. Life-sustaining support is provided by God. God sustains the life of every believer on earth. No believer can depart from life apart from God's will. Therefore all the forces of hell cannot remove one believer apart from God's permission. God also provides all that it takes to support life.

Psalm 48:14

This God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death."

Lamentations 3:20-25.

2. Temporal needs such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, environment, time, a job, etc. are provided by God,

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

3. Security provision is taught in the doctrine of eternal security. Your security is from God. This includes the assignment of guardian angels, and the provision of the laws of divine establishment for freedom to advance to maturity. If positive to Bible doctrine, God provides the security for

you to make that advance, as in the wall of fire.

1 Peter 1:5

We are kept by the power of God."

4. Spiritual riches are provided by God, such as our portfolio of invisible assets, the ten problem solving devices, and the unique factors of the Church Age. It also includes the provision of doctrinal teaching from your right pastor, privacy and security necessary to maintain positive volition, the royal family honor code, and discernment to see distractions and set them aside. Spiritual provision of an evangelist, a pastor, the privacy of your priesthood, the Canon, and a local church are all provided for you.

Ephesians 1:3

...Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ.

- 5. Blessings are given to every believer, both winners and losers. These are not to be confused with escrow blessings which are far greater.
- 6. God preserves us from death.

The Logistical Grace Rationale,

The "not-to-worry" passage:

Matthew 6:25-34

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

In this passage, there are four commands not to worry. We are commanded not to worry because God, in logistical grace, will provide for us, regardless of our spiritual status. Remember that logistical grace is for winners and losers.

The principle from the first command is that there is no meter on God's grace. You cannot measure God's grace.

Are you more important than a bird? If so, then not to worry!

Fear, worry, anxiety, apprehension is rejection or ignorance of God's logistical grace provision. Yet God continues to support even those who worry.

God provides logistical grace support for winners as well as losers. Losers worry. Worry is fear.

- The more things you surrender to fear, the more things you fear. The more things about which you worry, the more things you worry about.
- The extent to which you surrender to

fear, you increase the power of fear in your life. The extent to which you surrender to worry, you increase the power of worry in your life; yet God still keeps you alive.

• The more things that acquire the power of fear in your life, the greater your capacity for arrogance and becoming a loser. The more you acquire the power of worry in your life, the greater your capacity for worry and becoming a loser; yet God still supports you.

The application of verse 34 is that you can so live in the past that you do not live today. Grace gives you the ability to live one day at a time, not handicapped by the past and not distracted by the future.

Logistical grace emphasizes the principle of living today, and therefore fulfilling the principle of living one day at a time, and each day as unto the Lord.

The A Fortiori of Logistical Grace

a fortiori - "with greater reason or more convincing force"

Romans 8:31-32

Therefore to what conclusion are we forced? If God is for us, who is against us? The God who did not even spare His own Son, but on behalf of us all He delivered Him over to judgment, how shall He not also with Him in grace give to us the all things?"

The Issues of Logistical Grace.

Logistical grace is the basis for stability in time.

1 Peter 5:12

I have written you briefly exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it."

Logistical grace is designed for momentum in the plan of God.

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, because we have received to ourselves an unshakable kingdom, let us keep holding grace, through which we might render acceptable service to God with reverence toward Christ and respect toward doctrine.

Logistical grace continues in reversionism [backsliding].

2 Corinthians 6:1

Do not receive the grace of God in vain."

Galatians 5:8

You have drifted off course from grace."

Hebrews 12:15

See that no one falls back from the grace of God."

Logistical grace provision for learning Bible doctrine and advancing to maturity.

In the perpetuation of human life, God sustains the believer's life in spite of all Satan's opposition,

Job 5:20

In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

Psalm 33:19

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Psalm 56:13

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm 68:19-20

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

Death is a matter of the sovereignty of

God. God can and often does prolong the life of the believer,

Psalm 102:19-20

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

READ Psalm 23-24 READ Psalm 118

Proverbs 14:27

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

The formation and preservation of the Scriptures includes the mechanics of inspiration and the faithfulness of divine integrity.

The laws of divine establishment provide freedom and authority as part of logistical grace.

- a. Freedom is the basis for resolving the angelic conflict.
- b. Freedom is an extension of the function of the soul.
- c. Freedom is the status of human volition as the uncaused cause of human function. "Live and let live" is the axiom of freedom and the royal family honor code.
- d. Privacy is the environment for the function of freedom. Property is the legitimate possession of the believer from blessing.
- e. Freedom cannot exist without the umbrella of authority. Freedom and equality cannot coexist. Freedom is the reality of life and guarantees inequality.
- f. Freedom is the motivation for grace orientation.
- g. Freedom is the policy of God in the creation of the human race to resolve the angelic conflict.
- h. Freedom is common sense, orientation

to reality, the basis for establishing the logistical grace rational.

i. Freedom without authority is anarchy, authority without freedom is tyranny.

God has given divine authorization to the local church as the classroom for learning the Word of God. God will always provide enough local churches for believers to learn doctrine, whether by means of faceto-face or non-face-to-face teaching. Academic authority is mandatory, and there must be consistency.

A pastor is provided for everyone. No one ever deserved the right to be a pastor. All kinds of personalities have the gift.

The royal priesthood of the believer is provided for your privacy. Royalty allows you to live your life before the Lord without being bullied by other believers spiritually. The royal priesthood makes it possible for the believer to be informed without being distracted by the criticism, maligning, or judging of others.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the application of doctrine and His enabling power for function inside the sphere of the plan of God.

Logistical grace is for the positive and negative believer,

READ Numbers 20:1-12 READ 1 Kings 19