

Grace OPC High School Sunday Class Topic Summary			
Year:	1 of 4		Date: Weeks 11-12
Quarter:	1 of 4	Theology	
Lesson Title:	Providence		
Lesson Purpose:	To Examine and Understand the Doctrine of Providence and How it Applies in Our Lives		

Lesson 1

Divine Providence and Its Relation to Creation

- Providence is God upholding and governing His creation which is the necessary execution of His decree.
- God's providence includes history and the future.
- We know of God's past providence by history-biblical and otherwise- and of His future providence by the Bible only.

God Manifesting His Own Glory

- The purpose of God's providence is the manifestation of His own glory, not the benefit of His creatures.
- God created all things for Himself.

God Brings all Things to Pass

- God is the first cause of all things and brings them to pass by the use of means or second causes.

God Uses Means in the Exercise of His Providence

- Although God uses means to accomplish His purposes, He is free to work without, above, or against them.

God Providence Includes History and the Future

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Lesson 2

- ◆ God not only permits sinful acts, but he directs and controls men and angels in their in their sins for His own purposes.
- ◆ Sin comes from the creature – men and angels – only.
- ◆ Although God foreordains and controls the sinful acts of men, He is not the author or approver of sin.
- ◆ God uses the sins of men and angels for good and the manifestation of His glory.
- ◆ God uses temptations and the sins of His people for their good, making them more dependant on Him and watchful of future occasions of sin.
- ◆ God uses the temptations and sins of ungodly and wicked men to blind, harden and punish them.
- ◆ God cares for His church is a special way by directing and disposing all creatures and events for its good.