

## Doctrine of Causes

1. It is within the heart of humans to want to know the cause of something. This natural curiosity reflects that attribute of God known as omniscience.
2. While omniscience is a non-communicable divine attribute, curiosity is communicable.
3. Sometimes in matchless grace, the LORD will explain why He does what He does with individuals. Not always, but sometimes the purpose of God is revealed.
4. Speaking of the Pharaoh of the Exodus Generation, the Lord explained why He had placed Pharaoh on the throne of Egypt.
  - *Exodus 9:16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.*
5. On other occasions, God the Holy Spirit provides an explanation for an action. For example Peter was commanded to go with three men because they had been sent by Him.
  - *Acts 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*
6. Because the enemies of God and the enemies of the Jews opposed the reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem, Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah prayed and petitioned the LORD.
  - *2 Chronicles 32:20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.*
7. Many times the cause for anger is simply the frustration of a blocked objective.
  - *Daniel 2:12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.*
8. A man is to leave his family in order to establish a family of his own.
  - *Matthew 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*
  - *Mark 10:7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;*
  - *Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

9. Because of the miracles Jesus performed, people were eager to follow after Him.
  - *John 12:18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.*
10. One of the causes or reasons why Christ came into the world was to suffer at Calvary.
  - *John 12:27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*
11. As Christ came to suffer so He came to bear witness to the truth.
  - *John 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*
12. Paul desired to let others know why he called them to speak to them while in prison.
  - *Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.*
13. One reason for the rise of lesbianism is because God gives individuals up to be ruled by base emotions because they violate the sexual laws of nature.
  - *Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*
14. The Christian is to pay tribute to the government because they are “God’s ministers.”
  - *Romans 13:6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*
15. The cause for the conversion of Gentiles is the preaching of the gospel.
  - *Romans 15:9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.*
16. Paul wanted the church at Corinth to know why he sent Timothy unto them.
  - *1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*
17. In order not to be classified with Temple prostitutes, women in the early church were to wear a veil and allow their hair to grow and not be cut short in order to be considered modest.

- *1 Corinthians 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.*
18. Some Christians are weak, sick, or have died a premature death because they partake of the Lord's Supper in an inappropriate way.
- *1 Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*
19. Professing Christians, like Paul, may become a religious or political prisoner in order to advance the gospel.
- *Ephesians 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,*
20. Paul bowed his knees in prayer in order to request that others might be made more mature.
- *Ephesians 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
  - *Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
21. Thanksgiving was given to God when gospel truth was received as divine revelation and not as the view of a man.
- *1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*
22. Anxiety will cause a person to make an inquiry about others.
- *1 Thessalonians 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.*
23. When individuals reject the simple teaching of God's Word, He will send them individuals who will lead them astray on doctrinal matters.
- *2 Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*
24. In order to advance the gospel, God will show mercy to individuals whom He will save to serve Him.

- *1 Timothy 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.*

25. Men of faith and courage are needed to properly guide a local congregation.

- *Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:*

26. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Testament in order to redeem souls for Himself.

- *Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

27. The gospel is preached to every generation so that every person is without excuse before God in the day of judgment.

- *1 Peter 4:6 For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*