

**GOSPEL**  
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**Deuteronomy 29:29**

**Providence, Wisdom, and Freedom**

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**Christ: Creator and Sustainer of All**

**Colossians 1:16, 17 (ESV)**

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- See also Hebrews 1:3a (upholds all things)
- Ephesian 1:11 uses “all things” this way
- See Acts 17:24-26 where Paul addresses Athenian philosophers and “all things” in this regard

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**What Is Revealed Is for Us**

**Deuteronomy 29:29 (NASB)**

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

- There are many things we do not and cannot know
- What is revealed by God is found in Scripture and is true, sufficient and clear
- God’s moral will is binding and must guide our beliefs and decisions
- We have liberty in many aspects of life

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### Providence at Work

**Philippians 1:12 (NASB)**

Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

- Paul was in prison in Rome (1:13)
- As seen throughout Acts, God is a work to bring the gospel to the “ends of the earth” by providential means which include many sinful deeds by people with bad motives
- See Acts 2:23, 24 and Genesis 50:20

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### God’s Wisdom

**James 1:5 (NASB)**

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- The context shows that this wisdom is needed because of suffering and trials
- Wisdom means going about our decision making with godly motives (See James 3:17, 18)
- Wisdom has more to do with the type of attitude we have while making decisions than the relative “success” of any outcome (see CIC issue 75)

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