



God Has a Redemption

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The 4 P's (A Purpose, a Plan, a Provider, and Paradise)
Pt. 2, A Plan

Our Creator, Jehovah God—the ONLY Deity—is the ultimate planner and provider. In our last installment, we spoke of God's purpose in the Creation, especially in the creation of human beings, the only spiritual beings made in God's tripartite image and likeness. In short, God is busy *...bringing many sons unto glory* (Hebrews 2:10) to the end that He might fellowship with us and receive our worship. He is worthy! And so, to accomplish His purpose, God had a plan... a wonderful plan!

We read about the literal creation part of His plan in Genesis. God created space, the material universe, and life (including the first man and woman), in six, literal, 24-hour days. We say God created by "fiat", meaning a formal authorization or decree. Our Trinity God literally "spoke" the universe (and all that is in it) into existence. We read the phrase, *Let there be...* several times in the Genesis account, and the Psalmist proclaims, *For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast* (Psalm 33:9). And then on the seventh day, He rested as an example for mankind.

But there is an important part of God's plan (a critical part in fact) that we often don't think about or consider. I am speaking of God's plan to redeem (buy back) a human race that was not yet even existing or estranged! Our omniscient Creator pre-knew of Adam and Eve's rebellion and fall in the Garden. And since God's System requires that the penalty for rebellion and sin is death, then God's justness necessitated a pre-planned solution for the sin-dilemma! We know this SOLUTION to be the marvelous Incarnation and the sacrificial death of the Eternal God-Man, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus' sin-atoning sacrifice had to be in effect before SIN, or else the Just Nature of God would have required Him to judge humanity on the spot. And so, in the Counsel of the Pre-Creation Trinity, the Son of God became the, *...Lamb slain from the foundation of the world* (Revelation 13:8). And Peter writes concerning Jesus the Messiah, *Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...* (1 Peter 1:20).

What a Purpose! And then, what a Plan! Our Creator has an overall plan for the race, and then an individual plan for every human being. Therefore, what a tragedy it is to refuse God's Redemption Plan!

But that is what men and women effectively demand, when in pride they REFUSE God's redemption, when they, as Paul foretold in Hebrews 10:29, account the blood of Jesus an unholy thing, and do *despite*, i.e., they INSULT, the wooing Holy Spirit.

Jesus was clear and frank. His precious blood can cleanse every sin... except for one! There is one sin that Christ's blood will not assuage: the sin of unbelief. When men and women continually rebuff the wooing, convicting, pleading Holy Spirit, and then die in that state of prideful rebellion, there is no more remedy for sin, but only, *...a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries* (Hebrews 10:27). Solomon concurred in Proverbs 29:1, *He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.*

What a horrific tragedy it will be to miss out on God's glorious Plan. Jesus, His born-again children (his Bride), and the Holy Spirit all cry out, "Come!"

Revelation 22:17 *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

God bless and consider!