God's Eternal Plan, Part 1 Ephesians 1:3-14

Every <u>spiritual</u> blessing we enjoy comes to us through the Lord Jesus Christ, alone.

God's purpose and plans are <u>eternal</u> and <u>fulfilled</u> in Jesus Christ.

- 1. God's purpose and plans were <u>before</u> creation and extend beyond the end of creation.
- 2. God has revealed the <u>mystery</u> of His purpose and will, and it is to bring all things <u>together</u> in Christ.

God's pre-creation purpose and plan includes <u>Jesus</u> and <u>us</u>.

God's pre-creation purpose and plan was to <u>redeem</u> lost sinners <u>through</u> the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Three things to remember about the doctrine of election:

- 1. Election and predestination are <u>biblical truths</u> that we should not <u>avoid</u>, and we should strive for unity in the truths of the Bible.
- 2. God's grace is an incentive for holiness, not an excuse for sin
- 3. The saving work of Christ in your life is cause for <u>humility</u>, it's never <u>grounds</u> for boasting.

God's love is the source of our redemption and adoption

God's grace is the basis for our adoption and redemption

Union with Christ is the means of our adoption and redemption

God has redeemed us by <u>paying</u> the penalty of our sin for us through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

God forgives our sins by the riches of his grace through Christ and his gospel

According to His <u>will</u> and His grace God is making a holy and blameless people for <u>Himself</u> through the saving work of Christ.

<u>All</u> of God's purposes and plans for your life are found in Christ.

God's love saves us and spurs us to live for Him.

- 1. Pursue holiness
- 2. Cultivate gratitude and humility

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3. Share the gospel