

## SALVATION IN CHRIST (final)

LAST WEEK I PREACHED A MESSAGE ABOUT DISCERNMENT AND THAT WE ARE TO GUARD AND PROTECT THE TRUTH. THIS WEEK LETS TALK ABOUT THE SACRED TRUTH WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GUARD AND PROTECT

IN THE ORIGINAL TEXT, THIS SCRIPTURE IS ONE LONG SENTENCE, ONE UNIT OF THOUGHT....THIS TEXT IS MEANT TO BE INGESTED AS A WHOLE, SO I WILL READ IT WHOLLY FIRST, THEN WE WILL BREAK DOWN IN 3 PARTS

THIS SHOULD RING YOU LIKE A TUNING FORK BECAUSE IT SPEAKS OF OUR SALVATION PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

### Ephesians 1:3-14

English Standard Version

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us<sup>l</sup> for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things

according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

PAUL WROTE THE CHURCH IN EPHESES IN 62AD FROM PRISON IN ROME  
EPHESES WAS RIDDLED WITH SIN AND IDOL WORSHIP

LOOK HOW HE TALKS TO HIS CHURCH...FRONT LOADED LETTER  
THEY WERE HUNGRY.....THE CRAZIER THINGS GET....THE MORE HIS  
GLORY SHINES.....NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.....NEXT  
GENERATION'S TURN

THIS LETTER WAS FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION TO ENCOURAGE  
THEM IN THE CRAZINESS....THIS LETTER IS FILLED WITH TOWERING  
TRUTHS OF ELECTION, PREDESTINATION, ADOPTION, REDEMPTION,  
AND OUR ETERNAL SECURITY IN CHRIST....., THIS LETTER ASSURES THE  
CHRIST FOLLOWER ETERNAL LIFE IS TO BE EXPERIENCED NOW.....LIFE IN  
CHRIST IS NOW,ETERNALLY

THIS, TO PAUL AND THE EPHESIANS, IS CHRISTIANITY 101, AND A  
NORMAL SUNDAY MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH

VS 3 – BLESSED US. VS 4 HE CHOSE US. VS 5 HE PREDESTINED US. VS 7  
HE REDEEMED US. VS 9 HE ENLIGHTENS US. VS 11 HE REWARDS US. VS  
13-14 HE SEALS US AND GUARANTEES OUR SAFE ARRIVAL HOME

TO BE IGNORANT OF THESE VERSES IS TO BE VERY IGNORANT  
SPIRITUALLY

I SAY THIS AS A MAN THAT HAS JUST HAD HIS MIND BLOWN BY THIS VERY SCRIPTURE

PAUL COVERS THE PLAN OF OUR SALVATION WHICH INVOLVES THE ENTIRETY OF THE TRINITY IN 12 VERSES...EACH PERSON OF THE GODHEAD PLAYS A VITALY IMPORTANT ROLL IN OUR SALVATION

SAVING GRACE OF GOD, THE FATHER—VS 3-6

SAVING GRACE OF GOD, THE SON—VS 7-12

SAVING GRACE OF GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT—VS 13-14

TODAY LET'S FOCUS ON 3 THINGS:

- 1.HOW THE FATHER PLANNED OUR SALVATION
- 2.HOW THE SON PURCHASED OUR SALVATION
- 3.HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT PRESERVES AND PROTECTS OUR SALVATION

#### 1. HOW THE FATHER PLANNED OUR SALVATION

##### **Ephesians 1:3-6**

English Standard Version

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he **chose us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he **predestined us for adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

GOD'S PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO BE GENEROUS WITH HIMSELF WITH US...HE CAN'T HELP BUT BE GENEROUS...HIS VERY NATURE IS GENEROUS....THE HIGH COUNCIL OF 3 NEVER HAS AND NEVER WILL

LACK ANYTHING, EVER...THEY PRODUCE AND ENHANCE TO AND FOR EACH OTHER AND WITHIN EACH OTHER CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING AS ONE...ETERNALLY...THEREFORE HE IS, ALWAYS HAS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE

WHAT KIND OF RICHES DO YOU THINK HE HOLDS?  
EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT COMES FROM THE FATHER  
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HE WON'T GIVE YOU MORE THAN HIS GRACE WILL COVER

### Jeremiah 29:11

English Standard Version

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

HE CHOSE US.....LET'S GO BACK TO ETERNITY PAST  
THE COUNCIL OF THREE LOOKED OVER ETERNITY FUTURE AND WENT OVER EVERY DETAIL INCLUDING WHOM HE WOULD SAVE AND WHOM HE WOULD NOT

THE WORD "CHOSE" IN THE ORIGINAL TEXT IN THE SEPTUAGENT....PAUL USES THE SAME WORD USED TO DESCRIBE KING DAVID WHEN HE CHOSE 5 SMOOTH STONES OUT OF THAT RIVERBED....DAVID CHOSE THE 5 HE KNEW WOULD ACOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE AND OBTAIN THE VICTORY OVER HIS ENEMY GOLIATH

### Ephesians 1:5

English Standard Version

<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

PREDESTINED MEANS THE DESTINATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED BEFORE THE JOURNEY BEGINS

THE TRIUNE GOD, IN ETERNITY PAST LOOKED TO THE HORIZON OF ETERNITY FUTURE AND DETERMINED THE DESTINY OF ALL THINGS, INCLUDING, LUCIFER WHO FELL AND BECAME SATAN, 1/3 OF THE ANGELS THAT FELL AND BECAME DEMONS, AND ADAM WHEN HE FELL.....GOD DECIDED THE FATE OF MANKIND IN ONE DECISION AND HE CHOSE WHOM HE CHOSE TO BE HIS FOREVER.....

## 2. HOW THE SON PURCHASED OUR SALVATION

### Ephesians 1:7

English Standard Version

<sup>7</sup>In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

### ACCORDING TO THE RICHES, NOT OUT OF HIS RICHES

### Romans 5:6-10

English Standard Version

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

GIVE THEM THE GOSPEL

JESUS WAS NOT SHORT CHANGED ON CALVARY...HE DID NOT DIE A VICTIM...HE REDEEMED EVERY LAST ONE OF HIS...HE IS THE SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU AND I...HE IS PERFECT

**Romans 6:4**

English Standard Version

<sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

THE SECOND ADAM DIED FOR US...SO WE DIE IN HIM...THEREFORE WE ALSO LIVE IN HIM

**Romans 7:4**

English Standard Version

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

WE ARE NO LONGER BOUND TO JUDGEMENT FROM THE LAW OF GOD THAT CONDEMNS THE SINNER TO HELL

**John 1:1-5**

English Standard Version

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. **4** In him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT PRESERVES OUR SALVATION

#### Ephesians 1:13-14

English Standard Version

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is **the guarantee** of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

WE HAVE BEEN SEALED WITH THE PROMISED ONE...THE ONE WHOM GUARENTEES OUR SAFE TRAVEL HOME...BACK TO THE FATHER... IN THE LIFE OF THE SON....WE SHALL LIVE AS ONE WITH HIM AND EACH OTHER ETERNALLY

JESUS TELLS US

#### John 16:12-14

English Standard Version

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS GLORIFY THE SON  
HE WILL GUIDE YOU AND GIVE YOU DISCERNMENT....JUST ABIDE IN HIM SO YOU CAN HEAR HIM INSTEAD OF ALL THE NOISE

THE GREATEST RELATIONSHIP YOU'VE EVER HAD IS AVAILABLE 24-7...365

**Romans 8:14**

English Standard Version

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons<sup>[a]</sup> of God

YOU ARE BLESSED, CHOSEN, HOLY, BLAMELESS, PREDESTINATED FOR ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD, REDEEMED, FORGIVEN, ENLIGHTENED TO GOD'S HOLY TRUTH, UNITED, CONNECTED TO HIM, CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER, CONNECTED TO THE EARTH, HEIR TO THE WEALTH OF GOD, SEALED, SECURED, GUARANTEED A SAFE RIDE HOME