

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Ephesians 3:8-12.**
- B. God's eternal purpose was (and is) to save men through JC.
- C. Because it is an eternal purpose it is a plan that was put into effect a long time ago and will be operating until the end of time.
- D. God, through JC:
  1. brought the mystery to light (1Pet. 1:10-12).
  2. Brought about the dispensation (administration) of X (Eph. 3:9).
  3. Allowed us to "see" His manifold wisdom (Eph. 3:10).
  4. Has given us access to Him through X (Eph. 3:12).
- E. I shall approach our study under three main headings:
  1. What God has done for us.
  2. What JC has done for us.
  3. What the HS has done for us.

## I. WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:3-5.
- B. God has given us everything that we need. We should have no worries because of His care (Eph. 1:3; Phil. 4:19; 2Pet. 1:3).
- C. Xians are the chosen people of God. We are favored in His sight (1Pet. 2:9,10).
- D. We have been predestined before the foundation of the world to be like X. This was God's predetermined plan from the beginning (Rom. 8:29).

## II. WHAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:7-12.
- B. Because of X's death on the cross we may have His redemption in His blood. We may have a new kingdom to live in (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:13-14).
- C. This restoring of fellowship with God is possible because this redemption means the forgiveness of our sins (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:18).
- D. The entire eternal plan has its focus on JC as the Messiah, Mediator, High Priest, King and Lord (Eph. 1:10; Heb. 12:2).
- E. Because of what X has done, we are now co-heirs with Him, and have obtained an inheritance (Rom. 8:16,17).

## III. WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS DONE.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:13,14.
- B. The HS is the agent by which X has given the apostles all truth. They have perfect remembrance of it to preach and teach. This remembrance has been preserved in the NT (Jn. 16:13-16).
- C. The gift of the HS has been given at our baptism as a pledge (Eph. 1:13-14; Ac. 2:38; 5:29).
- D. The Spirit is given as a marking, an intercessor, and a deposit or pledge (Rom. 8:9-11,26; Eph. 5:30; 1:14).

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The eternal purpose of God has, and is being accomplished in the church of JC.
- B. All three personalities of the Godhead work together to make this salvation possible.
- C. It could be said; God has come up with the plan, JC executed it, and the HS guarantees it.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.