

Before the Foundation of the World

Sunday service

Ephesians 1:3-10

Today's message is titled "Before the Foundation of the World". It means that God had this whole plan before the world was created, and if you open your eyes to that, you will come to the answer to everything in your life and the world. Everything that's happening right now was already planned before this universe was created and it's occurring right now. Mankind can do anything because they are not machines. But no matter how much man tries to do his own thing and try to cast away God's cords, he cannot escape God's plan (Psalm 2:3-4). So being a servant of God is good for you, and the more you become a servant for Him, the more free you are (Ephesians 1: 11). God decides everything and does it according to His will. Nothing you do can affect anything that is of God. The Word that sums it all up is "before the foundation of the world". May you be at peace, thankful, and victorious as your eyes are opened as you come to the answer.

1. Before the foundation of the world

- 1) Ephesians 1:4-5 "Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love, he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." Before anything was created, God has done this.
- 2) It is a marvelous thing. It's not just that, it's that your salvation was given to you without regard to anything you did, without regard to anything visible in the world, it's that your salvation was determined and fulfilled to you before all of this was even made. Those whose eyes are opened to this will be able to have full faith in their salvation.
- 3) There are many examples in the Bible of God following this principle. He told Noah about the flood that would happen 120 years later, and it happened. He told Abraham that He would give him land and said, "Follow me and I will give it to you and your descendants". And if you look at Genesis 15, describes how Abraham's descendants would occupy that land, and it happened, and about 2000 years later, Christ came to that land.
- 4) When Israel went into captivity in Babylon, God had already given them a time limit of 70 years before they went into captivity, and that's exactly what happened. There are countless other examples in the Bible, not just about nations, but also about individuals, where God's decisions had nothing to do with the individual.
- 5) Jacob and Esau were determined in the womb before they did anything good or bad, and that decision was fulfilled. When God called the apostle Paul and said, "He is my chosen vessel," it meant that he was already predestined, and how and when and where he would be called had already been determined.
- 6) This means that there are no coincidences in your life, everything is inevitable, and everything is according to God's pre-determined plan. You're not a machine, but you can't deviate from God's decision one bit. You're just living the way it's already decided.
- 7) Therefore, it is wisest to live according to God's will, and if you abandon God's will and try to live according to your own will, you will only end up in failure and scar. Creations are happiest and most victorious when they live according to the will of their Creator. All such people like this have conquered the world. Everything has already been decided. May this be a week to ponder the word "before the foundation of the world."

2. In Christ

- 1) From verses 1 through 10, the word Christ appears 10 times. It's emphasizing that every blessing that has been given in Christ. If you think about it word by word, that's a huge statement, that all of these divine blessings are promised in Christ.
- 2) All things in heaven and on earth are promised in Him, all things spiritual and all things physical, and that's why Jesus Christ is the answer. It's a content and system that God determined before the foundation of the world.
- 3) Summarizing many of these promises in one word is the 3 offices of Jesus Christ. His blood is the blood of conquering and liberating power over the curse, the power to crush Satan's head and overturn all life's fate and destiny. Therefore, anyone who is in Christ can make their past a springboard to their future.
- 4) And Christ is the eternal Prophet, the only way to always be with God. He is the only way to communicate with everything in heaven and on earth. Matthew 16:19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
- 5) The evidence that the blood of Christ is the answer is abundant in the Bible. Noah, a man of this promised blood, became the owner of the whole world. Moses was told to go out to offer this covenant blood sacrifice to which great work arose after. Hezekiah walked honestly before God with this covenantal blood. All the nations were enslaved by the Assyrians, and the little nation of Judah defeated them.
- 6) Hezekiah became a witness for his time. You have received the historic Gospel. God will give you the same opportunity if you persist in holding it in covenant, enjoy it, and confess it. Once again, may this be a week to deeply hold to the covenant that God has decided everything before the foundation of the world and all His promises are in Christ.