

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

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Let's briefly examine some things that were determined **before the creation of the world.**

The Son, beloved by the Father. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." {John 17:24} Before the world was even spoken into existence there was an eternal relationship between the Father and Son. A deep love that the Father has for the Son and continues throughout all eternity.

The Lamb, foreordained to die. "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." {1 Peter 1:18-20} God would give men free moral agency, but He knew that men would sin. God also understood man could not redeem himself. So before the world began God knew His Son would be the sacrifice for the sins of the world and give His life as a ransom for many, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." {Luke 19:10}

The church, chosen in Christ. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved." {Ephesians 1:3-6} The Lord's church would be the means of saving sinful men. He would be the head of that church and give His life for her, Ephesians 1:19-23; Ephesians 5:25.

Before God spoke one thing into existence, before He created man from the dust of the earth, and before He ordained marriage between man and woman God had an eternal plan. The Scheme of Redemption was predetermined by God to save men from his own sins! Yes, God had a plan! ***