## Foreknown Before the Foundation of the World

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"But as He who has called you is Holy, so be you holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, 'Be you holy; for I am Holy.' (Leviticus 11:44) And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conduct received by inheritance (or tradition) from your fathers; but by the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without Blemish and Without Spot; who indeed was Foreknown (foreordained) (by the Father) Before the Foundation of the World, but was manifest (revealed) in these last times for you, who through Him (Jesus) do believe in God (the Father), who raised Him (Jesus) up from the dead, and gave Him Glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God." (1 Peter 1:15-20-21)

**Foreknown:** from the Greek word <u>proegnosmenou</u> a verb which means: <u>having-been-foreknown</u>; literal: <u>before-known</u>; to foreknow something beforehand; to have knowledge of something beforehand; to pre-know something. In context: the great plan of our salvation from sin through the shed blood of Jesus the promised Christ-messiah Jesus was foreknown by the Father Before the Foundation of the World; and thus in context also foreordained by the predetermined plan and will of the Father.

**Before:** from the Greek word <u>pro</u> which means: <u>before</u>; in the context of time: earlier than; In context: "Before the Foundation of the World." Before the Creation of the tangible universe.

**Foundation:** from the Greek word <u>kataboles</u> (katabole) a noun which means: something-laid-down; as in <u>a foundation</u>; a foundation-plan; the substructure which determines the entire direction (destination) of all that follows; the foundation-plan, upon which the entire super-structure is built. In context:

"Typically relates to Christ's incarnation, i.e. coming to earth in the flesh to be our Redeemer. This divine plan was set and sealed (guaranteed) <u>before</u> the Creation (Heb 9:26; 1 Pet 1:20; Rev 13:8). In general, *katabole*, refers to the basis God has established, upon which all people can know Him. This was laid down before the first ray of sunshine or drop of water touched the earth." (HELPS Word-studies)

**World:** from the Greek word **kosmou** (kosmos) a noun which means: the world, the universe; worldly affairs; the inhabitants of the world.

Please consider the following words of truth written by the Apostle Paul to the Ephesian church.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us (believers in Christ Jesus) with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him (the Father) in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus), in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins; according to the riches of **His** (the Father's) Grace; in which **He** has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will (salvation through Jesus), according to His good pleasure which was proposed (proetheto) in Himself (the Father). That in the dispensation of the fulness of times **He** (the Father) might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which (who) are in heaven, and which (or who) are on earth; even in Him (in Christ Jesus); In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose (prothesin) of Him (the Father) who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ; in whom you also trusted, after that you heard the Word of Truth, the gospel" (Ephesians 1:3-4-13)

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**Was-proposed:** from the greek word <u>proetheto</u> which means: <u>was-set-before</u>; was-placed-before; <u>was proposed</u> to determine something <u>beforehand</u> to achieve a particular ongoing <u>purpose and goal</u>. In context: the <u>pre</u>-determined plan, purpose, wisdom, and will of the Father, even <u>before</u> the foundation of the world, was to redeem people from their sins through the shed Blood of Christ Jesus, and this is <u>still</u> <u>the</u> on-going plan of salvation for all those who do, or yet will, believe in Christ Jesus!

**Purpose:** from the greek word <u>proethesin</u> which means: before-thesis; or pre-thesis; or <u>pre-planed</u>; to purposefully set forth, <u>in advance</u>, <u>a plan</u> with a specific purpose: – God's "pre-thesis" was His <u>providence</u> through Jesus for our eternal salvation from sin.

The Father's predetermined <u>providence</u> through Christ Jesus also embraced a mystery: that non Jewish Gentile people were also included in His pre-determined eternal plan of salvation:

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If you have heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God which is given me towards you; how that by revelation He made known unto me <a href="mailto:the mystery">the mystery</a>; as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge <a href="mailto:in the mystery of Christ">in the mystery of Christ</a>; which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; <a href="mailto:the Gentiles should be fellow heirs">that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs</a>, and of the same body, <a href="mailto:and-partakers of His promise in Christ">and partakers of His promise in Christ</a> through the gospel; of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working <a href="mailto:of His powe">of His powe</a>. Unto me, who is less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles <a href="mailto:the unsearchable riches of Christ">the unsearchable riches of Christ</a>; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of <a href="mailto:the mystery">the mystery</a>, which <a href="mailto:from the beginning of the world">from the beginning of the world</a> has been <a href="mailto:hid in God">hid in God</a>, who created all things <a href="mailto:through Jesus Christ">through Jesus Christ</a>; in order that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church - the manifold <a href="mailto:wisdom of God">wisdom of God</a>, according to the <a href="mailto:eternal purpose">eternal purpose</a> (prothesin) which He <a href="mailto:accomplished">accomplished</a> (in an on-going sense) in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 3:1-9-11)

The Father's Foreknown and Pre-ordained plan for our salvation through Jesus was and still is founded upon **His Wisdom**:

"However, we speak wisdom among those who are perfect (complete): yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God foreordained (proorisen) before the world unto our glory." (1 Corinthians 2:6-7)

The Father's Foreknown and Pre-ordained plan for our salvation through Jesus was and still is founded upon **His Promise**:

"Paul, a servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; in hope of Eternal Life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began; but has in due times manifested His word through preaching (concerning salvation through Christ Jesus), ... To Titus, mine own son after the common faith." (Titus 1:1-4)

The Father's Foreknown and Pre-ordained plan for our salvation through Jesus was and still is founded upon **His Love** for us:

"No man has ascended up to Heaven, except He (Jesus) who came down from Heaven, even the Son of Man who is in Heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes in Him (in Jesus) should not perish, but have eternal life. For God (the Father) so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him (in Jesus) should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him (through Jesus) might be saved." (John 3:13-17)

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The Father's Foreknown and Pre-ordained plan for our salvation through Jesus was and still is founded upon **His Grace and Mercy** for us:

"But God, who is rich in Mercy, for His Great Love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ. By Grace you are saved! And (He) has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His Grace in His Kindness towards us through Christ Jesus. For by Grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the (preordained) gift of God." (Ephesians 2:4-8)

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but be you partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to <a href="His own purpose">His own purpose</a> (prothesis) and Grace, which was given to us <a href="In Christ Jesus before the world began">In Christ Jesus before the world began</a>, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and has brought Life and Immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:7-9-10)

"And his (John the Baptist's) father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for <u>He</u> has visited <u>and Redeemed His people</u>, and has raised up a <u>Horn of Salvation</u> (a title of Jesus) for us in the house of <u>His</u> servant David; as <u>He</u> spoke by the mouth of <u>His</u> holy prophets, from the past-age; so that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; **to perform the <u>Mercy promised</u> to our fathers**, and to remember **His Holy Covenant** (His promises); the oath which <u>He</u> swore to our father Abraham, that <u>He</u> would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies <u>might serve Him without fear</u>, in holiness and righteousness before <u>Him</u>, all the days of our life. And you, child (John the Baptist), shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto <u>His</u> people by the remission of their sins, **through the <u>Tender Mercy</u> of our God**; whereby the <u>Dayspring From On High</u> (a title of Jesus) <u>has visited us</u>, to give Light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (<u>Luke 1:67-79</u>)

There are two eternal places that have been prepared by the Father even before the foundation of the world. Please consider carefully the following:

"Then shall the King (Jesus) say unto those on His right hand, 'Come, you **blessed of My Father**, inherit the Kingdom **pre**pared for you **from** (before) the foundation of the world;' ... Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, **pre**pared for the devil and his angels: ..." (please read: Matthew 25:31-46)

## Jesus was Foreknown by the Father Before the Foundation of the World

And Jesus was, back then, foreordained by the Father to redeem believers ... ... through His precious shed blood on the Cross!

This was the Father's predetermined purpose and mission for His Son Jesus!
Our salvation was thus forever accomplished by the Father in Christ Jesus our Lord!!

All Praise and Glory and Honor to the Father and Jesus !!
Thank You for Your everlasting Love, Mercy, Grace, and the gift of our Salvation !
Thank You for the inheritance of Your Kingdom!

Truly, Truly ~ Amen and Amen ~ !!