

“To the Praise of the Glory of His Grace”

The Heart of God – The Root of Grace

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1. God has a plan to save people from their sin that they may glorify Him.

- God is active in history in bringing this plan to fulfillment.
- God’s plan includes our justification apart from any good works which we might do.
- This plan centers upon the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no salvation apart from Him.
- This plan of God’s is eternal in nature. Christ is described as the lamb slain before the foundation of the world. (I Peter 1:20)
- This plan involves God reaching out to unworthy individuals. These people include Jews and Gentiles, rich and poor, slave and free, religious and profane. (Ephesians 1:4)
- This plan involves God reaching out to helpless individuals and so the plan is designed to meet their need.
- This plan involves God choosing a people for Himself. (1 Peter 2:9)

2. God has a plan that includes the sanctification of His people

- We are justified through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ therefore we have no guilt. (Ephesians 1:7)
- We are quickened or made alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1,5 ; 1Peter 2:5)
- We are created unto good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

3. What has God provided to bring this about?

- The cross of Christ
- The Indwelling Holy Spirit.
- The Word of God.

4. God has a plan that will bring us to glory.

- We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13,14)
- He weans us from earth by placing heaven in our hearts. (Ephesians 1:3 ; Matt.6:19-21)
- There is an unbroken chain that leads from death to glory. (Romans 8:29,30)