

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN STANDS FIRM FOREVER

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Let's make the plan of God and the Gospel—the GOOD NEWS—real simple. After all, it isn't rocket science! We are the ones who have created a man-made gospel. Man has made himself far too important in the salvation process with far too much dependence on his salvation placed on man.

Originally when the Triune God decided to share His love with a creation and with His created children, He is the one who devised the plan with all contingencies to make absolutely sure that plan would follow through to completion.

God planned to create man and send His Son, the Word, to become human and bridge the gap between God and man so that man could live in union with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit inside of God's life FOREVER; to ADOPT man into the very life of God. This is what the all powerful, Almighty God wanted to do. No matter what happened in the new life of His created children, Adam and Eve, God's plan would stand secure.

So man was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy in Jesus and to live eternally with God in God's life. (Eph.1:3-15) Jesus had to become human in order to create the "bridge" of humanness into the LIFE of GOD and create that Union, that connection.

God knew, however, that if or when Adam sinned that would pose a problem needing a fix so that God's original plan could continue on, and man would still be headed to eternal life and existence in the original plan God had from the beginning.

We read in Revelation 13:8 that Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world. So we see that God chose humanity IN Jesus before the foundation of the world and foresaw that Adam (man) would sin and bring the death penalty on all of his descendents thereby necessitating the need for a sacrifice for man's sins and a Savior that only Jesus could provide. That eventuality was planned for and taken care of in Jesus. In other words, Jesus undid what Adam did! Jesus corrected the problem. He CONQUERED the problem.

God wanted man in His Life from the beginning. God being all powerful and all knowing and all loving was not going to let sin and Satan thwart His eternal plan and purpose for man. Jesus would fix or "undo" what Adam did by Adam's sinning.

We read in I Corinthians 15:22 that in Adam ALL die, so IN Jesus Christ ALL—the SAME ALL—are made ALIVE. We could look at it this way. God's plan from the beginning started. It was proceeding along very well. Adam sinned and took mankind OFF of the track, but Jesus put man BACK on the track. He took all responsibility for the sins, life, death, new birth, resurrection and ascension of man by becoming human in

the incarnation, living a perfect life, and QUALIFYING all humanity to live in God's presence forever just as was originally planned by the TRIUNE GOD.

God further states this fact in Romans 8:31-39. What happened with Adam by the influence of Satan is NOT going to happen again! Jesus took care of that possibility. God's plan and purpose stands. It is his good pleasure to give us His Kingdom and Life. (Luke 12:32) "It is finished," Jesus said. He is the Alpha and Omega; the beginner and finisher of our faith. He is the originator and Perfector of our faith. It is ALL in His hands. All creation was created in and by and for and through Jesus Christ. And, He sustains that creation. It is HIS. Jesus has done EVERYTHING to ASSURE that God's plan is fulfilled and completed.

God's original plan stands; the inclusion of man in His life forever; the glorification of man into the life of God forever. And nothing can ever change that REALITY. (Rom.8:31-39) And why? "For God so loved the world..."