

## **Foreordination: Doctrinal Concept – Salvation and Redemption**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Creation: Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.** [4000 BC]
  - a. God/Elohim creates the heaven and the earth
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Creation: Isaiah 43:1 **But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.**

### **[The Law at Mount Sinai 1446 BC]**

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation: **Ephesians 2:10-12 God's workmanship/masterpiece created in Christ.**
  - a. The Doctrinal Concept of Foreordination – God's plan to save all families/nations/ethnicities
  - b. Ephesians 2:10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation <sup>10</sup> **For we are his workmanship/masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**
    - i. Ephesians 2:11 <sup>11</sup> **Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands.**
      1. In covenantal times past they were Gentiles in the flesh
      2. God's covenantal people/Hebrews/Jews – the Circumcision, called Gentiles Uncircumcision
        - a. The Hebrews were in covenant relationship with God in the Law of Moses; male circumcision was performed by human hands/in the flesh
    - ii. Ephesians 2:12 <sup>12</sup> **That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**
      1. Gentiles in previous covenantal times past were
        - a. Without Christ
        - b. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise
          - i. The commonwealth of Israel received the covenants of hope as the “promised seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”
      - c. Had no covenantal relationship with God they were without hope and were without God in the world

iii. Ephesians 2:13 <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

1. In the “New Covenant” Gentiles

a. Who were previously “far off”

b. Have been made near by the blood of Christ

4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation – Jew and Gentile: a Foreordained Creation [Us]

a. Ephesians 2:10 – In Christ to walk in good works [not The Law]

b. Ephesians 1:1-5 <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: <sup>4</sup> According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: <sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

c.

i. Gentile and Jew Foreordination [Us]

1. \*God chose the Jews and Gentiles (Ephesus) in Him before the foundation of the Word

ii. Gentile Predestination [Us]

1. \*The Plan of Predestination: The Adoption of Children by Jesus Christ

iii. Galatians 4:1-5 Sequence and Chronology <sup>1</sup> Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; <sup>2</sup> But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: <sup>4</sup> But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, <sup>5</sup> To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

## **Evangelism Thematic Thrust:**

### **The Eternal Plan/The Plan Before The Man**

- 1) 3 Creations: 1 Salvation**
- 2) Paradise – Promised Land – The Church**
- 3) Salvation and Justification for All Nations**
- 4) The Church: Salvation for All Nations**
- 5) The Church: Before the Foundation of the World**
- 6) The Church: The Body of Christ**