

The Redemption of the Church

(Part 1-The Eternal Plan of God the Father)

Text: Ephesians 1:3-6

Main Idea: The redemption of the Church is a Trinitarian effort which was *structured* by God the Father in eternity past (v. 3-6), *secured* by Jesus in time (v. 7-12), & *sealed* by the Holy Spirit at salvation (v. 13-14).

1. **Who _____planned_____ the redemption of the Church?** (v. 3a)
 - It was God who planned salvation and acted.
 - It was the **Father**_____ of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - It was the one who alone is **blessed**_____.
2. **What _____action_____ did God take to redeem the Church?** (3b, 6b)
 - God blessed the church with every **spiritual**_____ blessing in the heavenly places.
 - God's blessings to the Church came to us "in **Christ**_____" & in "the beloved."
3. **When & what _____blessings_____ did God give to the Church?** (4a, 5)
 - God **chose**_____ us (or elected us) in Christ before the foundation of the world. (2 Thess 2:13, Rom 8:30)
 - In **love**_____, God predestined us in Christ.
 - All of these blessings were dispersed "according to the purpose of his **will**_____."
4. **Why did God bless the Church in this way?** (v. 4b, 5b, 6a)
 - That we should be **holy**_____ and blameless before Him.
 - That we should be **adopted**_____ to himself as sons through Jesus Christ. (Rom 8:15)
 - That God would be **praised**_____ for His glorious grace.