

Come let us Grow Together: Predestinated according to the Purpose of Him who worketh all things after the Counsel of His Own Will

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Concerning predestination in scripture we are told:

**“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1:11-14)

The focus for this lesson being **“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:”** If you have a purpose and work all things after the counsel of your own will this is taking place in your mind. Your purpose would consist of your thoughts, your plan, and your reasoning for the purpose that you have within your mind.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,**” (1 Peter 1:18-20)

Christ was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for us!

“And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. **Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**” (Acts 15:15-18)

To know all your works from the beginning of the world would take place in your mind. These works would consist of your thoughts, your plan, and your reasoning for the purpose that you have within your mind. That would be to know all your works from the beginning.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**” (Matt 25:34)

Listen carefully what Jesus said, “the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”. We just read above that Christ “was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you” and “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.” So in the mind of God which would include his thoughts, his plan, and his reasoning for the purpose that he had within his mind concerning Christ since “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world”, Jesus, the Christ manifested to us, can say “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”.

“The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” (Rev 17:8)

Again in the mind of God he knows who are written in the book of life from the foundation of the world even as “all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**” (Rev 13:8) This revealing that in the mind of God he had a purpose and a plan within his thoughts concerning his purpose “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” Again this all taking place within the mind of God.

“Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, **and calleth those things which be not as though they were.**” (Rm 4:16-17)

Since “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world” and God “calleth those things which be not as though they were” and Christ “was foreordained before the foundation of the world,” and “was manifest in these last times for” us, this was the purpose of Christ within the mind of God “who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will” since he knew that mankind would sin in the Garden of Eden and need a savior. This all taking place within the mind of God as your purpose would consist of your thoughts, your plan, and your reasoning for the purpose that you have within your mind.

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; **and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**” is choice and the removing of the name out of the book of life according to the scripture can take place, however calling those things that be not as though they were and knowing the end from the beginning God knows who will ultimately be written in the book of life from the foundation of the world whose names were not blotted out. Still being omniscient and still giving us choice yet still being predestined and still knowing the end from the beginning.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (Jn 1:1)

The Word is God's mind, plan, purpose, and reasoning. Let me share with you what the Word for our English language which is the Logos in the Greek language means according to the Strong's Concordance.

Strong's Concordance - 3056. logos, log'-os; from G3004; **something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive;** by extension a computation; specifically (with the art. in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ)

This eternal purpose of God, which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, (Eph 3:11) existed as the Word of God of whom he is. The answer for how the Word was with God lies in the very meaning of the word Logos of the Greek language of which the translators translated into English as the Word. To show that God had an eternal purpose in his mind, plan, and reasoning concerning Christ we are told so. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:**" (Eph 3:10-11)

Our God is one and the Word that was with God and was God is with God as the mind of God which would include his thoughts, his plan, and his reasoning for the purpose that he had within his mind concerning Christ and the salvation of mankind thus making the trinitarian doctrine a false doctrine of men based upon the traditions of their fathers.