

12/9/18 Sunday School:

SINCE AND BEFORE

Titus 1:1&2 “before the world began”. God promised eternal life to Himself (there was nobody else).

Eph 1:4 He has chosen us in Him BEFORE the world began. (this does not mean God decided before the world began who would be saved and who would go to Hell).

Rom 8:22 This is the adoption spoken of in Ephesians 1

2 Tim 1:8-9 BEFORE the world began, God purposed in Himself that He would save us and call us.

Gal. 1:11-12 Paul didn't learn his gospel from any other person, but got it directly from the resurrected Christ.

Everything we have was planned by God before the foundation of the world, but it was KEPT SECRET until He revealed it to the apostle Paul.

Acts 26:14-16 Paul explains in detail what happened on the road to Damascus and beyond.

Eph 3:1-2 Paul was given a mystery. Everything Peter, James, John, Jude and the writer of Hebrews (and Jesus) taught had been revealed in prophecy. It was known, if you knew the Scriptures well.

Eph 3:5 “now revealed” This was a mystery; could not be found in prophecy. Vs 3:8 “unsearchable riches” because Paul's gospel could not be “searched for” in the Old Testament scriptures.

Jesus told people the “search the scriptures” to learn about Him – prophecy was not a mystery. It was well documented among Israel. What was promised in prophecy was known. What was given to Paul was a mystery, only revealed in his epistles from Romans to Philemon.

Mark 9:30-32 Jesus told his disciples about His death, burial and resurrection, and they didn't understand what He was talking about – even after the better part of 3 yrs together.

Isaiah 53:3-5 the Cross was prophesied, but not understood.

Matt. 25:31 the Throne of His glory will be in Jerusalem, on the earth. (David's throne). Vs 34: from the foundation of the world (prophesied). The Church the Body of Christ will not be on the earth at that time.

Acts 3:19 Peter was preaching to Israel and explaining when their sins would be blotted out – at the 2nd Coming of Christ to the earth. **Vs 21** explains when it will happen. And remember this was and IS all for Israel, not us.

Matt 6:10 Christ teaches His Jewish followers to pray for the earthly Kingdom. All Israel's promises will be fulfilled after Christ returns to the earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The rapture, or catching away of the Church. This is our destiny. We will meet Him in the air, not on the earth.

12/9/18 10 am message **THE 4 RECONCILIATIONS OF GOD**

1. Personal
2. The World
3. All things
4. the Jew and Gentile

Personal Reconciliation:

Rom. 5:10 we were reconciled to God through the death of Christ.

John 15:13 "greater love hath no man..." Jesus gave His life for His enemies as well as His friends! We see that in **Romans 5:10**.

Col. 1:21-22 Personal reconciliation.

World Reconciliation:

2 Cor. 5:18-20 God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself.

If you do not believe in the gospel, however, it avails you nothing personally. Either you trust Christ to pay for your sins or you will spend eternity paying for them yourself. God has done all He could to ensure you have eternal life with Him.

Rom 11:11 The temporary fall and setting aside of Israel. Through their fall, the reconciliation of the world (Gentiles) was made possible.

Because Israel rejected their Messiah, salvation was offered to Gentiles.

Zech. 8:13-15 then **vss 20-23**: In time past, you could only be saved through Israel. God came up with another plan!

Reconciliation of All Things:

Col 1:20 All things in heaven and in earth. What in the heavens needed to be reconciled? See **Eph 6:12** "spiritual wickedness in high places" does NOT mean the White House or evil earthly rulers. It means in the heavenlies. Satan's still the prince of the power of the air.

Rev. 12:7-10 There will be a heavenly war and satan will be kicked out of heaven once and for all.

1 Cor. 6:2 & 3: We will judge angels after we are in the heavenly places, in our glorified bodies. (about mid-way through the Tribulation period).

Heb 2:8 "not yet" note that all things have NOT at this time been placed under

Christ's feet. But they will eventually.

Rev 11:13-15 future event, after Christ reconciles all things in heaven and earth.

Eph. 1:20-23

Israel will be God's agency in the earth and the Body of Christ will be God's agency in the heavenly places.

Reconciliation of Jew and Gentile:

Eph 2:11 "in time past" we as Gentiles had no hope...Circumcision was the physical sign that set Jews apart from the rest of the nations, and began with the Abrahamic Covenant. Gentiles in time past were uncircumcised.

Matt. 10:5 Jesus didn't minister to Gentiles and instructed His disciples not to do so, either. In the prophetic program, Gentiles HAD to become Jewish proselytes.

BUT NOW in Christ, we Gentiles are "made nigh by the blood of Christ".

Eph. 2:16 reconciled Gentile and Jew.

This doesn't mean the Church has now received all of Israel's promises.

John 4:22 "salvation is of the Jews". That was the only way a Gentile could be saved at that time.

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