

God's Plan of Salvation

Read Ephesians 1:1-23, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Sunday School, the kids are learning that God's plan of salvation existed before the world even began! Jesus was never the backup plan, rather His life, death, and resurrection was God's plan of redemption all along. This passage is full of rich theological truths, and it is a reminder of the many spiritual blessings we have because Christ.

Take a moment to consider verse 4, that Christ "Chose us in Him before the foundation of the world."

- How does it make you feel knowing Christ *chose* you before you were even born?

Paul goes on to say in verse 5 Christ "predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." Jesus has adopted us into His one big family, the church!

- How do you see your community, small groups, or CGS as a whole operating as a family?
- Although being a part of a family is a blessing, it is certainly not always easy. These relationships are meant to be covered in forgiveness, love, grace, acceptance, and accountability (Ephesians 4:2-3; John 15:12). How can you intentionally be a loving family member to your church family, and earthly family, this week?
- If there are particular relationships in your life that need to be covered in grace, take a moment to ask God to give you the ability for today to love them as He does.

In verses 16 and 17, Paul gives us a beautiful example of how we are to treat our brothers and sisters who are walking alongside us in ministry. Let's follow Paul's example and "give thanks" for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Take a moment to write down the names of 3 other teachers who are serving in Children's Ministry this year. Pray for them asking God to protect them, grant them wisdom, and to help them know Jesus more intimately.

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