

# 2 Timothy 1:9

## *Before the World Began*

### 1. Before the World

- a. This intended to strengthen Tim to be unashamed to partake affliction - 2 Tim 1:8
- b. The gospel concerns our salvation (by the cross) and calling (members of the BoC)
- c. Our salvation and calling were “*according to his purpose (goal) and grace (work)*”
- d. Purpose ~*def.* An end set before for direction, destination, design. e.g. goal, stated will
- e. God has an eternal purpose - Acts 26:16, Rom 8:28, 9:11, 17, Eph 1:9, 11, 3:11
- f. This not an afterthought, plan B, retaliation to Israel’s rejection - Gal 1:11-12
- g. “*Before the world*” means this message is not a parenthesis - Rom 1:1-5
- h. Before the world is not after the world began - Lk 1:70, Matt 25:34, Acts 3:19-21

### 2. His Purpose Before the World

- a. Each passage describes his purpose, revealed, hid from *before the world began*
- b. He purposed the promise of eternal life - Titus 1:2-3
- c. He purposed the glory of the cross of Christ - 1 Cor 2:7-8 (1-10)
- d. He purposed a mystery fellowship, a body, a new creature - Eph 3:9 (1-12)
- e. He purposed the unsearchable riches of the glory of God - Col 1:26
- f. He purposes to bring heaven and earth together in Christ - Eph 1:4 (3-11)
- g. Mystery of Christ is his purpose for inheritance, position, glory to all in Christ - Eph 3:6

### 3. In Christ Jesus Before the World

- a. This purpose was before the world, purposed in Christ Jesus - Eph 1:9, 3:11
- b. Predestinate 4x in the Bible, every instance concerns his purpose in Christ
  - i. Conformed to his image = his purpose; Christ = his means; grace = his cross
  - ii. Predestinated to glory - Rom 8:29-30 - which he foreknew (before the world)
    - 1. To be known acc to his purpose - 2 Tim 2:19, Gal 4:9, Eph 1:6, Ti 2:14
    - 2. To be predestinated means they are called (*this is the purpose*)
    - 3. To be called means they are justified (*only the saved, see last week*)
    - 4. To be justified means they are glorified (*the good end for the saints*)
  - iii. Predestinated to a position - Eph 1:5 - in Christ as members of his body
    - 1. A position not deserved or earned is in the beloved, by his grace - v6-7
  - iv. Predestinated to an inheritance - Eph 1:11 - acc. to his mystery purpose in Christ
    - 1. God’s purpose bigger than you - Gen 1:1, Col 1:16, Rom 8:22, Eph 2:3,6:12
    - 2. The riches and blessings are in Christ - Eph 1:3, 1:18, 3:6
- c. *You* were not in Christ before the world, the *purpose* was in Christ before the world.
  - i. Who was before the world possessing these things? John 17:5, 24; 1 Pet 1:19-20
  - ii. They are predestinated in Christ because he is the purpose - Rom 11:36
  - iii. They are given us because we are now in Christ (acc. to his purpose) - 2 Cor 5:17