

BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN

Text: John 17:5

INTRO: The book of God opens with the story of the creation of this universe. But an interesting aspect of God's word is that it tells us that there were things that took place even before the world began.

I. GOD THE FATHER EXISTED.

Gen. 1:1; John 17:5

II. JESUS CHRIST EXISTED.

John 1:1-3, 14

John 17:24, Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Heb 9:13, For if the blood of bulls & goats & the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who thru the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Gen 1:1-2, In the beginning God created the heavens & the earth. The earth was without form, & void; & darkness was on

the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Job 26:13, By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

IV. THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION.

Rev 13:8, All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

1 Peter 1:18-20, ...You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish & without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

V. THOSE IN CHRIST WERE CHOSEN.

Eph 1:3-4, Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

Gal 3:26-29, For you are all sons of God thrU faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of

you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

VI. HEAVEN PREPARED.

Matt 25:34, Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Heb 11:15-16, And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

CONCLUSION: As Christians, we reap the benefits for which God has been working even before this universe was formed. But we must faithfully serve Him, for he has also prepared a place for the devil and those who follow his leadership, Matt. 25:41.

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