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The Plan Of The Father

Ephesians 1 : 4 - 6

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For he chose us in him...

Q: How does it change your view of the church if many promises in the word are corporate promises accessed together rather than just individual promises accessed alone?

...before the creation of the world...

Q: What went through your mind when you heard that God had a plan already in place if humanity fell into sin through Adam and Eve? What is your view on this?

...to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Q: Read verse 4 again. What is the source of our holiness and purity according to this passage? Why do we automatically think that holiness and being blameless is something we must work to accomplish instead?

In love he predestined us to sonship through Jesus Christ...

Q: What concerns might you have over the idea that, in adoption, we receive the divine nature? On the other hand, how does it elevate your appreciation for the depth of God's redemptive plan and the treasure he has in you?

...in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Q: What does this plan by God, to bring about heirs who are His sons and daughters in both name and nature, tell you about who He is and what brings him pleasure?

...to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.