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# THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Ephesians 1, Jerusalem

CANTICLES AND PRAYERS

**Blessed be God the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the  
spiritual blessings of heaven in  
Christ.**

***Before the world was made,  
he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless,  
and to live through love in  
his presence,***

***determining that we should  
become***

***his adopted sons, through  
Jesus Christ***

***for his own kind purposes,***

***to make us praise the glory of  
his grace,***

***his free gift to us in the Beloved,***

***in whom, through his blood,***

***we gain our freedom,  
the forgiveness of our sins.***

**Such is the richness of the grace  
which he has showered on us  
in all wisdom and insight.**

***He has let us know the mystery  
of his purpose,***

***the hidden plan he so kindly made  
in Christ***



***from the beginning to act upon***

***when the times had run***

***their course to the end:***

***that he would bring everything  
together under Christ, as head,  
everything in the heavens and  
everything on earth.***

**And it is in him that we were  
claimed as God's own,  
chosen from the beginning,**

**under the predetermined plan  
of the one**

**who guides all things as he  
decides by his own will;**

**chosen to be, for his greater glory,  
the people who would put their  
hopes in Christ before he came.**

***Now you too, in him, have heard  
the message  
of the truth and the good news of  
your salvation,  
and have believed it;***

***and you too have been stamped  
with the seal  
of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,***

***the pledge of our inheritance  
which brings freedom  
for those whom God has  
taken for his own,  
to make his glory praised.***