

"God has sent the Spirit of his Son..." (Galatians 4:6)

I. GOD THE FATHER HAS SET FORTH HIS PLAN FOR REDEMPTION.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His son,

a. The Father as Creator God

Sovereignty 1. The Father's right to redeem & restore is based upon His ownership in creation. (Genesis 1:1-2)

Eternality 2. The Father's ability to redeem & restore is based upon His eternal nature. (Ps. 102:24-27)

Covenant 3. The Father's right desire to redeem & restore is based upon His covenant with His people.
(Ex. 20:11 & 31:17)

Glory 4. The Father's ordination to redeem & restore is the only basis of praise of him. (I Cor.16:23-30)

Sustainer 5. The Father's continuance to redeem & restore is His intimate activity in His creation.
(Neh.9:6-8)

Omnipotence 6. The Father's power to redeem & restore is established upon His command of all creation.
(Job 38:4-7)

a) What God has created is good. (Ps. 104:24-33)

b) Even those things that are bad have been ordained by God for His purpose. (Prov. 16:1-9)

b. The Father as Redeemer God (1 John 1:1; Romans 9:19-26)

Sovereignty 1. The Father's activity to redeem & restore is based upon His ownership in creation. (Rom 9:15-18)

Eternality 2. The Father's activity to redeem & restore is based upon His eternal nature. (Prov 8:22-24)

Covenant 3. The Father's activity to redeem & restore is based upon His covenant with his people.

(1 John 1:1-4)

a) God's covenant to redeem has been from the beginning-that which was from the beginning

- God has always intended to be heard- *which we have heard*
- God is always intended to be seen-*which we have seen with our eyes,*
- God has always intended to be among his creation-*which we looked upon and have touched with our hands*
- God has always intended to redeem-- *concerning the word of life* [Prov 8:22-31 ESV]

b) God's covenant to redeem has always been for us to share-*the life was made manifest,*

- What we share is what we have seen-*and we have seen it,*
- What we share is God's work of eternal life-*and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life*
- What we share is God Himself -*which was with the Father*

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- What we share is what God has shared with us- *and was made manifest to us-*
 - The intended result is the redemption of others- *so that you too may have fellowship with us;* [1st Timothy 3:14-16]
- c) God's covenant to restore has always been according to His ordination *-and indeed our fellowship is with the father and with His son Jesus Christ.* [John 14:20-23]
- d) God's covenant to restore has always been the source of our joy- *and we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*