**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

**2019**

1. **Eternity Past** – GOD’S DIVINE PLAN

God’s omniscience divided the myriad of things that could happen from the things that actually would happen.

His foreknowledge knew in eternity past everything down to the finest detail everything that would happen and decreed it to come to pass.

DIVINE DECREES

***Isaiah 46:9-10 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10) Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';***

God the Father is the author of His plan.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the one who executes the plan.

The Holy Spirit is the one who reveals the plan

Included in God’s plan was the creation of angels and humans to which God gave free will.

This opens the door for sin and rebellion.

Both angels and humans used their volition to sin.

This required someone who is absolutely perfect, sin free who could become a substitute for sinful man and take his punishment

This Savior would have to be born of a virgin in order to be a qualified substitute for sinners which required one who has no old sin nature.

Think about what Jesus Christ gave up to be our substitute:

a. He had to leave the breathtaking beauty and perfection of heaven.

 b. He had to take on a form that was lower than the angels who

 worshiped Him night and day.

 c. He had to leave heaven, a place of no sin, pain, death or sorrow

 to go to a place that is saturated with such things which He would

 experience in the greatest intensity.

 d. He had to humble Himself to submit to the ghastly horrors of the

 cross.

 e. He would have to suffer the undiluted fierce wrath of God the

 Father’s judgment on sin in His own body.

 d. He would be separated from the unity and fellowship with God

 the Father and the Holy Spirit which He had from eternity past

 while He hung on the cross.

This Savior would have to be equal with God and equal with man in order to be a mediator between God and man. He would have to be true deity and true humanity united in one person. Hypostatic Union

The Angelic Conflict

The first revelation of this Savior is given in *Gen. 3:15*

*Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and* ***her seed****; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

God informs us that from the Garden of Eden till the end of the Millennium, there will be an ongoing conflict between the forces of fallen angels and God. We call this the Angelic Conflict.

Satan, as well as all fallen angels, will be defeated and will be separated from God for all eternity in the Lake of Fire.

He has done everything within His power to keep the Seed of the woman from being born.

 1. Cain murdered Abel Gen. 4

 2. Noah’s flood Gen. 6

 3. Esau threated

*Isaiah 46:3-5 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, You who have been borne by Me from birth, And have been carried from the womb; 4) Even to your old age, I shall be the same, And even to your graying years I shall bear you! I have done it, and I shall carry you; And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you. 5) "To whom would you liken Me, And make Me equal and compare Me, That we should be alike?*