The Necessity of Jesus Christ was His death.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

First, it seems like every time I use this verse, as well as a few others I feel the need to define the word world, as I do the word all in other verses. First, it is impossible that God means He loves all people because He does not. God hated Esau, God did not come to hate Esau, He never loved Esau because God does not change, therefore God cannot change His feelings toward any person. God said of Israel His beloved nation, Malachi 3:6 "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." This is God's promise to us that the promises of God will never change. Second, God went on to describe Himself this way, Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Whatever God promised in His word He will never change it, God never changes in any part of His being, EVER! Therefore, it would be impossible for God to have lover every single being and then change and hate them. God said in Psalms 5:5 "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity." Meaning, there are people, "...all workers of iniquity." that God hates, a number of people, precisely "...all workers of iniquity." which are defined as -the unjust, or the unrighteous in this world. This was the need for election, God elected to love a remnant of these unjust people before the world, or He eternally loved them. Therefore, we must conclude the only possible true definition of the word world means Jew and Gentiles are included in God's eternal love, but certainly not every single soul.

Second, we must understand that everything with God is eternal, God did not come to know something, or God did not come to a plan conclusion. God said in **Acts 15:18** "*Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world*." Therefore, God knew before that He would save, call and use Gentiles in His ministry to the world. But since God is eternal and cannot change, then all of God's works are eternal therefore every work was known to God before the foundation of the world, even the plan of salvation.

God had the entire plan of salvation plane from eternity because God never changes, He knew every detail of everything from eternity as well as all of His works. The truth is that God had elected a remnant or a limited number or a fold of sheep in eternity past, gave them to the Son or Jesus Christ in the eternal covenant and planned every detail of salvation of these sheep before anything existed. We may not understand every detail, we may not understand how God knew all from eternity past, but we do know He did. And just because we do not understand every detail, and just because we cannot explain every detail, does not mean the scriptures are wrong. It does not mean we can make up unscriptural and unprovable doctrine to make it fit human thinking.

This detailed plan of God for salvation included the Son of man, or the seed of the woman, our impeccable Redeemer. Impeccable because He was in every aspect of His human existence perfect and without sin. 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Meaning, He absolutely had no sin in Him, he born the seed of the woman not the seed of Adam, and born from the seed of God, and incarnate with the Son of God. The perfect Saviour.

A. It was given to Jesus to die for us.

- 1. We are sinners, we are born sinners, we live in sin, we drink it like water, and in this flesh, we can never redeem ourselves. **Romans 3:10 11** "*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*"
- 2. The Psalmist wrote these words, **Psalms 10:4** "*The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*"
- People who believe that works are in any part of their salvation are lost and to prideful to accept God's gift of salvation.
- 4. However, God by grace elected His own Son, the seed of the woman, His Impeccable Son to be the redeemer of His elected children. Ephesians 1:4 6 "According as he <u>hath chosen us in him before the foundation</u> of the world, that we should be holy and <u>without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of</u> <u>children by Jesus Christ to himself</u>, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the <u>praise of the glory of his grace</u>, wherein he <u>hath made us accepted in the</u> <u>beloved</u>." He made us accepted in the "beloved" or Jesus His Christ.
- This plan must have included a Lamb and a sacrifice, this was our Impeccable Saviour Jesus, and to accomplish this He must have been sacrificed on that cross.
 Paul wrote the church at Corinth these words, 1 Corinthians 2:2 "For I determined"

not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." – The message of redemption, the message of salvation is Christ crucified. His death is our redemption, the price paid for us to be saved.

- 6. Paul wrote these words to the church at Phillipy in, **Philippians 3:8-10** "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, (9.) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (10.)That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"
- 7. The birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ was for our salvation. He was God's elected Lamb. **Revelation 13:8** "*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*"
- B. God's eternal, ordained plan was that Jesus Christ Die for the sins of a remnant.
 - 1. God is eternal, God does not change, everything was predestinated and ordained before the earth's creation, yes before the fall.
 - 2. Ephesians 1:3-6 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>who hath</u> <u>blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he</u> <u>hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world</u>, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: <u>Having predestinated us unto the adoption of</u> <u>children by Jesus Christ to himself</u>, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." Not because of the fall, but before the foundation of the world. Jesus Christ was the eternal Lamb of God.
 - Christ's redemptive work was not something which happened by accident in the course of human history, but something which took place in eternity according to God's eternal purpose.
 - 4. God did not react to the human fall of Adam and Eve but had already predestinated it all before the fall. Galatians 4:4 5 "*But when the fulness of the time was come, God*

sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

- Most people, even most biblical scholars cannot comprehend the eternity of God. They fail to see the truth about God.
 - a. He is eternal and known unto Him is all His works.
 - b. He is Sovereign over all things; He never reacts to anything.
 - c. God is Omniscient therefore He learns nothing.
 - d. God has preordained everything in time, and because He is eternal, He is already standing in the future. Nothing is past, present, nor future, it is just eternity.
- 6. The Eternal Covenant between the Father and Son was complete before the foundation of the word, long before Adam sinned. **Hebrews 13:20** "*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*"
 - a. Let's look at these words "*the everlasting covenant*". These words were used in the bible about 15 times, but only once in the New Testament.
 - b. God's promise to the world is an "everlasting covenant" **Geneses 9:16** "*And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*"
 - c. The others are made with Israel in the Old Testament.
 - d. Only once in the New Testament is this term used, right here were it talks about *"through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"*
 - e. This Eternal Covenant was made before the foundation of the world between the Father and the Son, but all of the elect of God was included. We have been in Christ since God gave us to Him before the foundation of the world.
 - f. Jesus said in His prayer these words, John 17:4 "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." His work was to redeem the elect of God.
 - g. The elect of God are the souls the Father gave the Son before the foundation of the world. John 17:6 "*I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they*

have kept thy word." This eternal covenant was made for this event (His death) and it included His blood for our sins.

- h. The Mystery of the Gospel is this eternal covenant Paul wrote in, Ephesians 3:11
 "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:"
- 7. The predestined plan of God is beyond human understanding that man will never understand it. Therefore, people just deny it, make excuses for it, call it a lie, and reject God because of it.
- Man thinks successively (following in the order of time), but God thinks simultaneously (all at one time). Because God is eternal and changes not. This is how God can make "eternal Covenants".
- If there were succession in God, He could not be the I AM of the bible. Jesus said, John 8:58 "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
- C. The death of Christ cannot be dated from God's viewpoint because He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
 - 1. **Revelation 13:8** "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."
 - a. Jesus Christ was the Lamb of God and ordained to be slain in eternity past.
 - b. God Ordained it in eternity past, Acts 2:22 23 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: (23) "Him, being <u>delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God</u>, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:"
 - c. God promised it after the fall. Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
 - 2. The value of Christ's death is based on His Person as the Son of man.
 - a. Since God cannot die, we must understand that it was the humanity of Christ, the seed of Abraham, that was offered as a spotless sacrifice to God for the sins of believers. 1 Peter 1:18-21 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed

with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God."

- b. I will not debate the thought that God died on the cross because it reduces the significance of the entire life and death of the Lamb. The very thought that God died is unthinkable in my opinion.
- 3. For Jesus Christ to qualify as Saviour for us there are qualifications to be met.
 - a. He must have died for what man has done, (sin). **1 John 3:5 6** "*And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. (6) Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*"
 - b. He must have died for what man has not done, be profitable to God. Romans
 3:12 "They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."
 - c. For what man has become by nature. Walking and obeying Satan. Ephesians 2:2 3 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (3) Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."
 - d. Therefore, the wrath due to man's sins and sinful nature was borne by the impeccable Savior because He had neither a sinful nature nor acts of sin to disqualify Him."
- 4. It was the perfect life of the Son of man that qualified Him for the perfect sacrifice for sins of nature. This man, God's Son in the flesh, the very man that sits of God's right hand, the promised "seed of the woman", the very heir of David and Aberham, qualified Him as the substitute for the nature of sinful man.
- D. The death of Jesus Christ must satisfy God for the sin of mankind.

- 1. There was nothing in all creation that could have satisfied God as a redeemer of sinful man.
- 2. It took Jesus the Christ, the God-Man, to make satisfaction to God. Christ is not His last name, it is who He is, Jesus the Messiah.
- 3. His incarnation with the Son of God, the Deity of Christ made it possible for Him to minister to God that which the Divine nature demanded.
- 4. But it was Jesus's perfect human nature made it possible for Him to become the substitute of God's people.
- 5. The incarnation made it possible for Jesus Christ "the seed of the woman" to be the perfect Lamb. 2 Corinthians 5:19 "To wit, <u>that God was in Christ</u>, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."
- 6. Salvation is in the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The seed of the woman. It was His life of perfection, it was His suffering, it was His crucifixion, it was His death, it was His blood that was shed, it was His resurrection, it was His sitting on God's right hand.
- E. The substitutionary value of Christ's death.
 - 1. God said in **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
 - a. The word Substitution demanded a finished work which required death and brought life. The word "substitution" means - the action of replacing someone or something with another person or thing:" Meaning that God demanded of Jesus Christ "...offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
 - b. Meaning Christ earthly work must have made a full redemption. Because mans works, all of them are dead. With the inability to serve The Living God.
 - c. Nothing else could suffice God's demand for salvation. Brother Best said, "*The incarnate Son poured out His life through the Spirit of holiness for the satisfaction of God's justice.*"

- d. The life of Jesus Christ was impeccable, making Him qualified as God's Lamb of sacrifice.
- e. The blood of Jesus Christ is God's satisfaction in cleansing our sins, we are washed in blood pure blood of the Lamb. **Revelation 1:5 6** "*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, (6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*"
- f. Where is sin found, (1.) on the sinner or (2.) on the Substitute Jesus Christ, one or the other never on both. 1 Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."
- 2. What is the extent of Christ's death?
 - a. Jesus Christ paid our ransom, 1 Timothy 2:5 6 "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
 - b. The word "ransom" means a redemption price It signifies the exchanging of condition with another, the laying down of one's life to save another's. This our Saviour has done for us.
 - c. All that He died for are eternally redeemed, He died for none that shall not be redeemed.
 - d. The salvation of Jesus Christ is limited to those He died for, whether people like it or not that is the fact. Jesus Christ did not carry any sins to the cross that was not eternally forgiven by the Father.
 - e. Mathew 20:28 "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." The word many is a limited number.
 - f. The fact that some believe that Christ died conditionally for all, but absolutely for none is absurd. That thinking is an attempt to destroy the Eternal Sovereignty of God.

- g. Jesus Christ is the purchaser of redemption, He did not purchase our redemption on our actions, but purchased our redemption as a full purchase price. John 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." What was "finished" He had paid the redemptive price that the Father had set, and now salvation was complete. As Paul wrote in Col. 2:10a "And ye are complete in him..."
- h. 1 Timothy 2:3 "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;" If God is our Saviour, then that includes the election of the Father, the redemptive work of the Son, and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. No where is man included.
- 3. Romans 5:15-19 "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."
- F. Conclusion
 - 1. The necessity of the seed of the woman was for God to send our Redeemer without sin.
 - The necessity was also so that God could have a human sacrifice, a human high Priest, and a human to live a sinless and impeccable life that thru Him we could have the same in glory.
 - There was not another created being that could have redeemed us, only the Son of man, Jesus Christ. Only Through Him is salvation possible.
 - a. John 3:17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

- b. Romans 8:37 "*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*
- c. Romans 11:36 "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
- d. 1 John 4:9 "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten **Son into the world, that we might live through him**."