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If we are given to truly understand HE who is <u>from</u> the "beginning" and <u>is</u> the "BEGINNING" then we cannot help but rejoice in those things which HE tells us HE has done from the "beginning". GOD "alone" is ETERNAL and the possessor of ETERNAL LIFE. "Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; <u>Who only hath immortality</u>, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen." "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.""Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

The LORD knows <u>HIS works</u> from the beginning. *"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."* How foolish it is for men to depict GOD as defining anything which HE purposed to do because "HE knew" it would occur. Rather HE knows "HIS works", (we might say HIS purpose) and it is HIS works that brings about the activities of men in order to fulfill that purpose. "Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." The LORD does all things because HE purposes for it to be done, not in response to anything that HIS creation might do. HE is not affected by the supposed free will of men. "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." Men are culpable or accountable for their actions but every step they take is directed by the LORD. "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD."

The LORD knows them that are HIS from the beginning. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." The very basis and purpose of HIS election of a people in CHRIST, unto salvation, is revealed in this verse. Even as Paul declared "HE hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation, through sanctification (i.e. the setting apart or making a differentiation) of the SPIRIT and belief of the truth." The purpose of the LORD in choosing a people is that HE might manifest the glory of HIS grace in their redemption and deliverance from the ruin of their sin by the work of HIS SPIRIT, causing them to believe upon the ONLY BEGOTTEN SON of GOD, who purchased their redemption with HIS blood. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, 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. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his arace."

The LORD knows the WAY that they shall take. Salvation is not by chance but is accomplished by HIM whose purpose it is to save those that HE loves. "My sheep hear my voice, and <u>I know them, and they follow me</u>: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed"

The LORD delights in blessing HIS children through JESUS CHRIST. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ</u>: According as he hath chosen us in him <u>before the foundation of the world</u>, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein <u>he hath made us accepted in the beloved</u>." Have you known HIM who is the BEGINNING?

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